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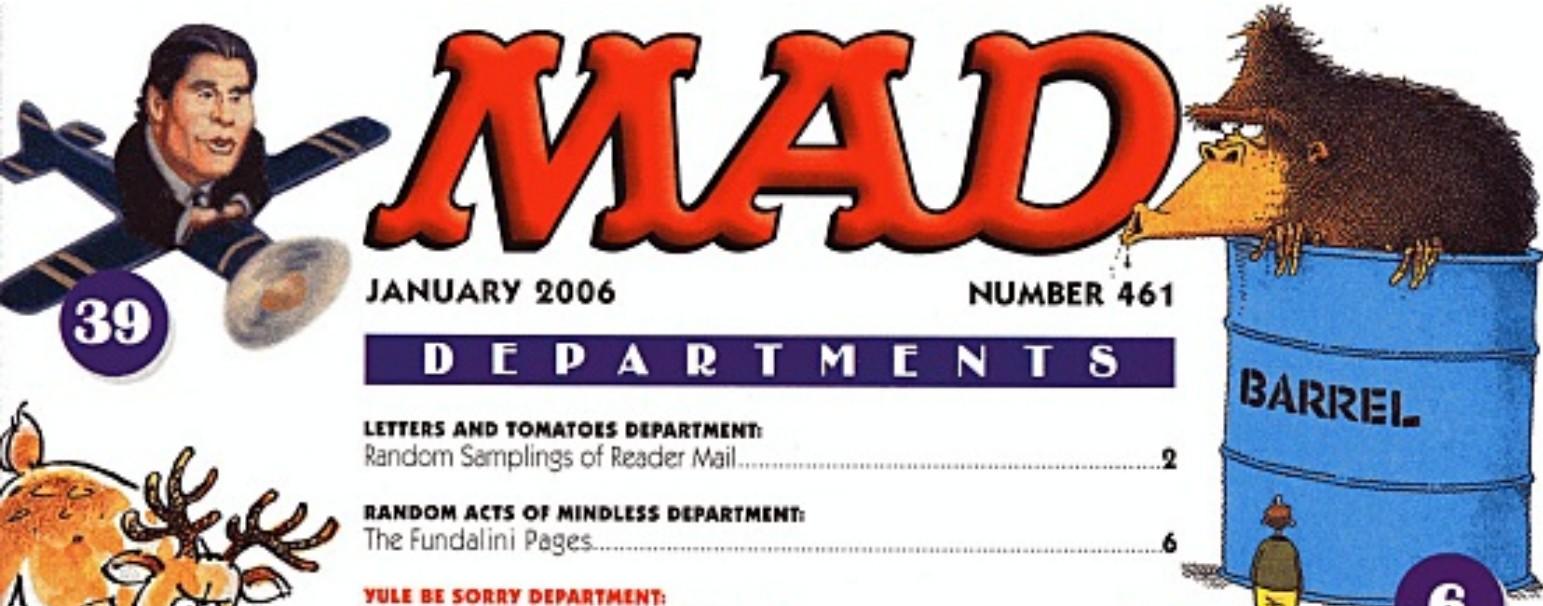
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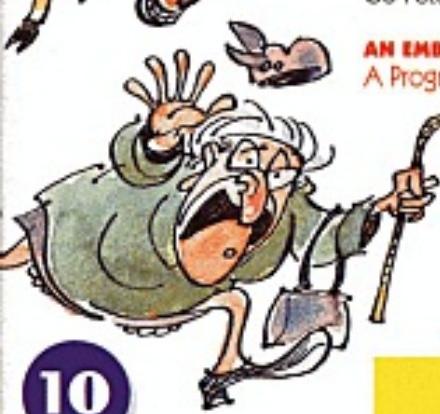


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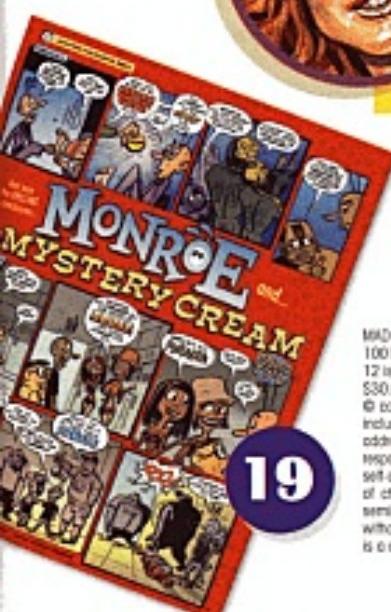
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HOME ON DERANGED

I read your "High School Gentleman's Etiquette Guide for Dating Your Teacher" (MAD #459) with great interest. It was very informative. However, I was wondering whether the same rules of decorum would be apropos for those of us who are being home schooled. Just curious.

Steve Blumert, Staten Island, NY

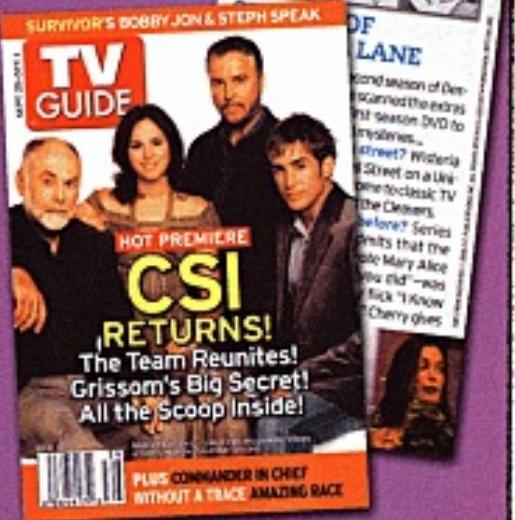
Steve of Destruction — We have an inkling that in your case, you should take the dates wherever you can find them! But, we suggest you run it by your Dad first! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

MAD BLURBS

Actual quotes that prove the world is going MAD!
This Month: *Desperate Housewives* creator Marc Cherry

"Marc Cherry admits that the idea for the mysterious note Mary Alice received — 'I know what you did' — was lifted from the 1997 horror flick *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. Cherry gives props to MAD magazine for catching him on this in a parody called 'Disparate Non-Lives.'"

— excerpted from TV Guide Sept. 25-Oct. 1



Being such a fan of MAD, I decided to make Alfred E. Neuman the subject of my first stained glass window. After I was finished, I concluded MAD motivates me to work with sharp glass, lead and hot irons. Like it, or I'll conclude you have no taste.

Katie Kempinski, Berwick, PA

Summer Kemp — You're working with sharp glass, lead and hot irons? Admit it, you're really a prison guard at Abu Ghraib! We're looking forward to getting a stained glass depiction of a bunch of naked prisoners arranged into the shape of Alfred's face! Bangol! —Ed.



Katie and her stained glass Alfred.

TEACHER'S DRECK

In MAD #456, you asked for stories involving teachers and MAD. I doubt that you'll receive any letters as unique as mine. When I started as a new teacher at Downers Grove (IL) North High School in 1976, a veteran English teacher named Stan Steed kept a running subscription to MAD. Stan encouraged his students to read MAD, handing out issues to those clowns and jokers who finished tests early so they wouldn't disturb more earnest test-takers who needed to work in peace. When the great Mr. Steed retired in 1990, he left his collection of MADs to me. I am still the proud owner of these vintage mags, which date from about 1974 to 1978. Like Stan, I give my early bird test-finishers an old issue to peruse in silence. After their initial outburst of "Man, these are old!" otherwise unruly students silently chuckle over MAD standards such as "Spy Vs. Spy," "The Lighter Side Of" and the parodies of literature and movie classics such as Star Wars. Though my collection is no longer pristine (having been handled and folded hundreds of times), I suspect it may be valuable to a collector. However, since I'm not apt to retire for another five years, I won't be selling (or giving away) my collection any time soon!

Victoria Everitt, Aurora, IL

Vic at Nite — Thanks to your letter, we now have the conclusive and irrefutable proof why American students lag behind their foreign counterparts! You say you're not retiring for another five years, but we bet once the school board sees this letter, it's going to be a lot sooner than that! See you in homeroom! —Ed. P.S. Would it kill you to update your MAD collection for the kids? How funny can 25-year-old Jimmy Carter jokes be?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

You guys are so immature. All you ever do is make stupid jokes in response to reader mail. Anybody can come up with tasteless "humor" like yours. I even bet my friend \$100 that I could outwit you and leave you speechless. MAD Magazine is so dumb, it drives people MAD. In your face! Top that!

Brandon Zelman, Brooklyn, NY

Zelman's Mayonnaise — When we first read your letter, we thought we would ignore your insults and not sink to your level — you know, be "mature." But then we realized two things. One — it would mean you'd win 100 bucks from your friend, and two — it would mean passing up the opportunity to make fun of a pompous, boring, cocky-doozy, wuss-face like yourself. So, it looks like you owe your friend \$100 — and we hope that he gives a cut of that to us for having to read your stupid and pointless letter in the first place! —Ed.

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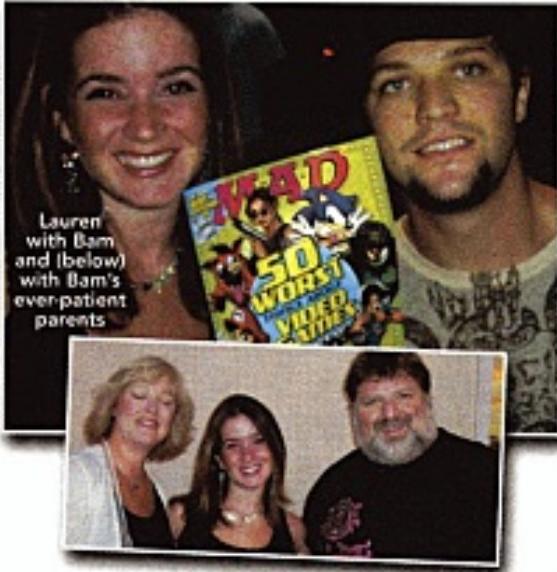
If my keyboard has a broken "M" key, how would I spell MAD? — ejn...Drano, while tasting cherry fresh, is not nearly as good as bleach, which has a watermelon/apple aftertaste — Deeznuts...Why does everyone always say "Oh, he's got a touch of the flu" when the flu is usually beating me senseless? — Dave the Almighty...I have a photographic memory, but I always leave the lens cap on — cyclo-zombie...If you make a bread sandwich, does it take two or three slices of bread? — Dwarffzilla...I can swallow whole lava lamps, but only the pink ones! — Merrick Cohen.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hill My name is Lauren Hunter and I am 24 years old from Newtown, PA. I love your magazine, I'm a die-hard fan! I saw Bam Margera (of Viva La Bam fame) and I thought I would get his picture with the magazine because I always see people do this and I always wanted to take a picture with a famous person holding your magazine! So I did and he is holding MAD, and now I feel cool and privileged!

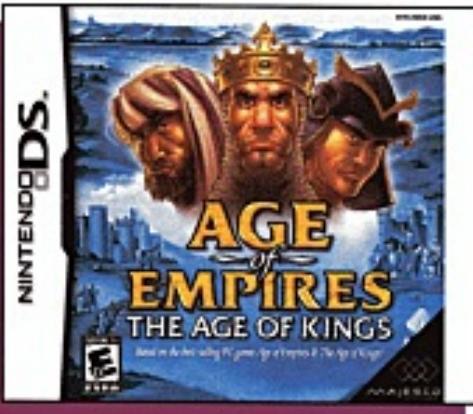
Lauren Hunter, Newtown, PA

Treasure Hunter — Congratulations on your Nifty Fifty™ Celebrity Snap! You'll not only get a three-year subscription to MAD, but you'll also get a copy of this issue signed by the entire MAD staff (whether you want it or not!) —Ed.



HOW TO WIN KING KONG — PETER JACKSON'S PRODUCTION DIARIES

If you love King Kong, love Peter Jackson, or just love production diaries, have we got the contest for you! Five lucky winners will receive a copy of King Kong — Peter Jackson's Production Diaries, courtesy of Universal Home Video, which includes a full-color, 50-page book, four art prints and two DVDs all on the making of the film! Don't feel bad if you don't win one, it's on sale now! To enter, on a 3x5 card, hand print your name, complete address and e-mail address. Mail it to: King Kong Diaries Sweepstakes c/o MAD Magazine, Dept. 461, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Only one entry per person, NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See official rules at www.madmag.com

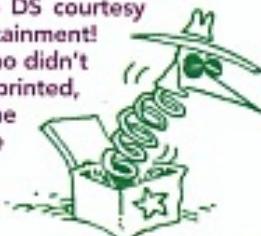


NINTENDO DS.
NEXT MONTH IN MAD #462 ON
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MALICIOUS
SEEING-EYE DOGS!

READER ALERT!

It's the age of free games! Everyone that got their letter published in this month's Letters Page will receive a free copy of Age of Empires®: The Age of Kings for Nintendo DS courtesy of Majesco Entertainment! For those of you who didn't have their missives printed, don't worry — the game will be on sale January 20th!



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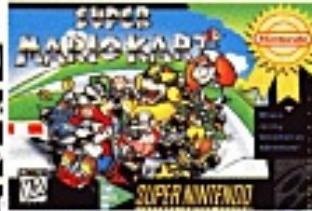
**YOU'VE COME
A LONG WAY, MARIO!**



How well do you know Mario Kart? Check out this timeline of everyone's favorite plumber and his many adventures behind the wheel and find out!

1997
MARIO KART 64

Boasting more characters, more tracks, and the addition of saved ghost data that lets you compete against your best races, Mario Kart 64, in full 3D, truly shined in the multiplayer arena. You could really feel the banana peels and Koopa shells coming at you!



1992

**SUPER
MARIO KART**

Super Mario Kart placed Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, Yoshi, Donkey Kong Jr., Bowser, Toad, and Koopa Troopa in karts for the first time, kicking off a high-speed item-throwing craze that continues to this day.

2001
**MARIO KART
SUPER CIRCUIT**



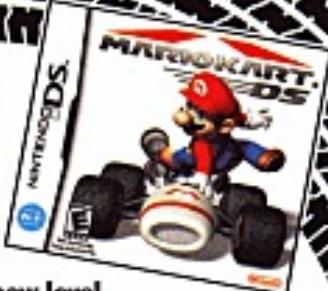
The karts cruised off the television and into players' hands with Mario Kart: Super Circuit, the Game Boy Advance entry into the series. Everyone's favorite characters returned, and as always, each of them boasted specific attributes like good high speed or fine-tuned handling.

2003
**MARIO KART
-Double Dash!!-**

The Nintendo GameCube installment of Mario Kart: Double Dash!! came with the most radical change yet — two players per kart! Grand Prix races and battle matches all looked amazing thanks to the Nintendo GameCube's power, but now players juggled a pair of racers as they tore around incredible new tracks in tricked-out custom karts.

2005
**MARIO KART
DS**

All the thrills you've come to expect from Mario, but now wireless! Mario Kart DS brings the racing action and item-throwing to a whole new level using Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection!



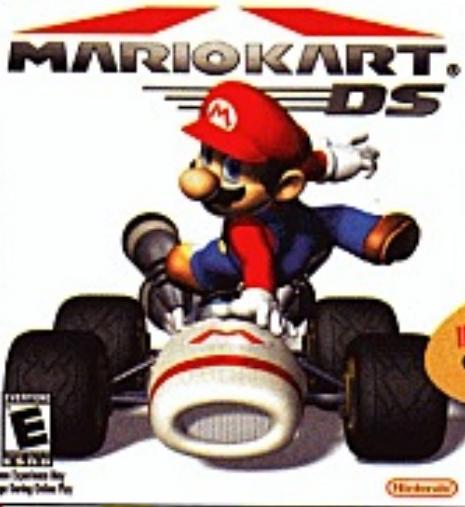
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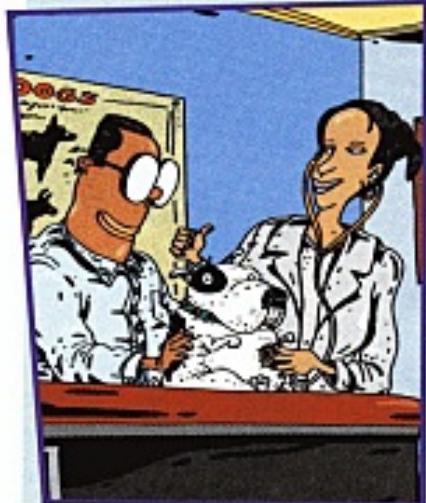
www.NintendoWiFi.com

There's always someone ready to play!



THE FUNDALIC

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS



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Jenkins takes his pet to the veterinarian every six months for a check-up, even if the animal seems just fine.



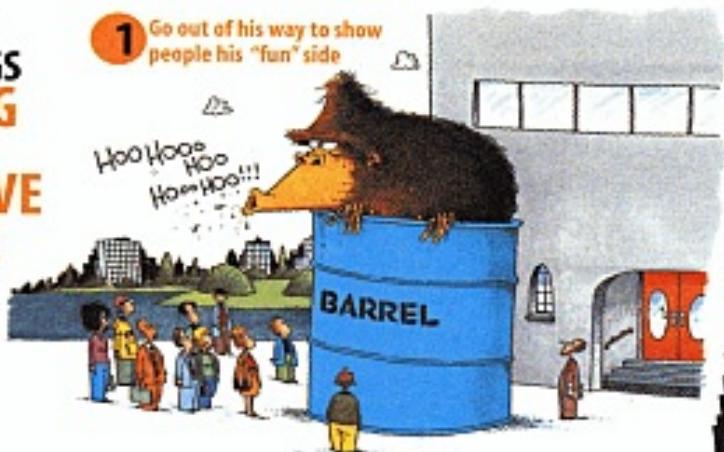
Melvin takes his brand new pet down to the hardware store, because he always wondered how straight a kitten would walk after a ride inside a paint mixer.



"WHEN YOU GET AROUND TO IT, EUNICE, THE BUD IS TWO-NO TRUMP."

CHENEY

**3 QUICK AND
EASY THINGS
KING KONG
COULD DO
TO IMPROVE
HIS IMAGE**



1 Go out of his way to show people his "fun" side

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2 Check to be sure the about to hurl into the full of third graders.

PAGES

THE FAST 5 PBS' NEW CONSERVATIVE DIRECTION

- 1 Sesame Street will no longer teach words George Bush cannot pronounce.
- 2 Suze Ormond's financial lectures will be boiled down to three words: "Buy Halliburton stock!"
- 3 Nova will begin a new 363-part series on how global warming actually improves the environment.
- 4 Funding will be pulled from any education show that presents facts not found in the Bible.
- 5 In a truly patriotic display, Barney kills himself, so that his remains can become fossil fuel for future generations.



MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY

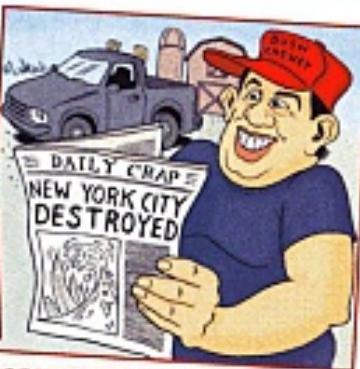


3 Drop the standoffish sounding "King" and go by his real first name

SCARY THREATS...SCARIER REALITIES



SCARY THREAT A North American Tsunami could devastate New York or Los Angeles.



SCARIER REALITY The "Red States" really wouldn't mind.

SCARY THREAT The recent player/fan confrontations will lead to a ban on alcohol in sports arenas.

SCARIER REALITY The worst fights are at Little League games anyway.

SCARY THREAT An upcoming military draft will send thousands of young people away for years at a time.

SCARIER REALITY Those years would've been spent unemployed at home.

SCARY THREAT The rates of sexually transmitted diseases will increase drastically over the next decade.

SCARIER REALITY You have nothing to worry about.

SCARY THREAT A diet of junk food can ruin a person's health in just one month.

SCARIER REALITY 87% of Americans know this from personal experience.

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MySpace by the Numbers

- 3: Number of years ago your "up-to-date" MySpace photo was taken.
- 12: Number of years difference between the age you've put on your profile and your actual age.
- 8: Number of personality traits you've listed on MySpace.
- 0: Amount of personality you actually have.
- 6: Number of people who grasp the irony of listing "outgoing" on a profile for a website used to avoid basic social contact.
- 5: Number of friend-to-friend links you went through to get to your sister's roommate's boyfriend's cousin's podiatrist you're convinced you'll have so much in common with (coincidentally, also the number of minutes it will take on your first date for you to realize this is not so).
- 21: Number of your old high school classmates who, to your surprise, have outed themselves via their listing under "Orientation".
- 2: Number of hours you spent shooting and reshooting your "candid" shots for your MySpace photo gallery.
- 1,043: The number of times a day you checked for new messages during the first week.
- 4,782: Number of times this week you've checked your ex's account to see if they are in a new relationship.
- 55 billion: The total number of unnecessary exclamation points used in the "Friends' Comments" section.
- 5 million: Number of pet pictures with the caption "Isn't she the cutest!!?"
- 0: Number of real friends you've actually made through MySpace.
- 7: Number of months MySpace has left before joining Friendster on the rubble heap of passing fads.

YOGA FOR SMOKERS

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THE INVERTED FLICKBICASANA
THE ADDICTED PELICANTOEDASANA
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GRAPHIC NOVEL REVIEW

THE THOROUGHLY UPDATED, ALL-INCLUSIVE HANDBOOK TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE

\$39.95, Marvel Comics, 480 pages

Over the years, Marvel and DC have periodically compiled "handbooks" of their various heroes and villains. They provide a kind of encyclopedic repository of repetitive power fantasies and repercussion-free violence.

These handbooks have answered nagging questions, organized their fantastical worlds of wonder and, most importantly, suckered their anal fanbase into buying and bagging 12-part series that look very much like comic books, but in reality contain no story whatsoever. Get some unpaid intern to write down a few secret identities and powers, pull a few illus, alphabetize 'em, and hey now! A 40-dollar series that every completist geek feels obliged to buy!

To be fair, the process is a little more complicated than that. Marvel's rabid, increasingly senile readers are more attentive to the detail in Dr. Strange's boots than they are to their own wardrobe or hygiene. There's not much you can tell the fans about their favorite heroes and villains that they haven't already known for years. And they demand total, absolute accuracy. They want alphabetical handbooks that determine every character's maximum rate of speed, to the precise made-up digit.

Small wonder that *The Thoroughly Updated, All-Inclusive Handbook to the Marvel Universe* became the #1 comic in the United States, reportedly selling more than 14,000 copies per month. Now those issues have been compiled into a softcover edition, which will be sold to the same people who already bought the issues.

The attention to pointless minutiae is astonishing. You may know about Spider-Man's powers and origin, but did you know that the spider who bit Peter Parker was left-handed? That Professor X used to collect ViewMaster reels? Or that the Beyonder caught Mono in

college? None of these things are important. In fact, they have never impacted a Marvel Comics storyline in any way. And yet they've been collected in this unrelenting encyclopedia of pain.

For the kids out there who are reading superhero comics for the first time, and are just into the stories, a collection like this will seem dull. But for the other 98% of Marvel's readership, this book is a must-collect! Mastery of trivial factoids help nurture the illusion in one's mind that you have any control over the unfeeling randomness of life. And as your failures mount, and your bitterness boils like magma, at least you know you can name all the original members of the Sinister Six. Plus, there's a hot drawing of the Scarlet Witch on page 336 that looks like she likes you.



THE VULTURE

Real Name: Adrian Toomes
First appearance: *The Amazing Spider-Man* #2

Powers: Superhuman-level strength, vitality and athleticism. Wears harness with built-in electromagnetic anti-graviton generator and attached bird wings. Can fly at speeds of up to 95.2 MPH for up to 6 hours, with pinpoint maneuverability. Can attain maximum altitude of 11,010 feet.

Place of birth: Staten Island, New York
Height/Weight: 5' 11", 175 pounds

Eyes: Hazel
Allergies: Shellfish, dander
Dresses to the: Left
Favorite WNBA team: None

FICO Score: 740

Make of refrigerator: Kenmore

Preferred juice: Cranapple

Identifying marks: Mole on left hip

Ramones albums owned: *Rocket to Russia, Ramones Mania*

Dots his i's with: Dots

Health plan: Aetna

Emotional state at Christmas time: Unchanged

Voted for: Bo Bice

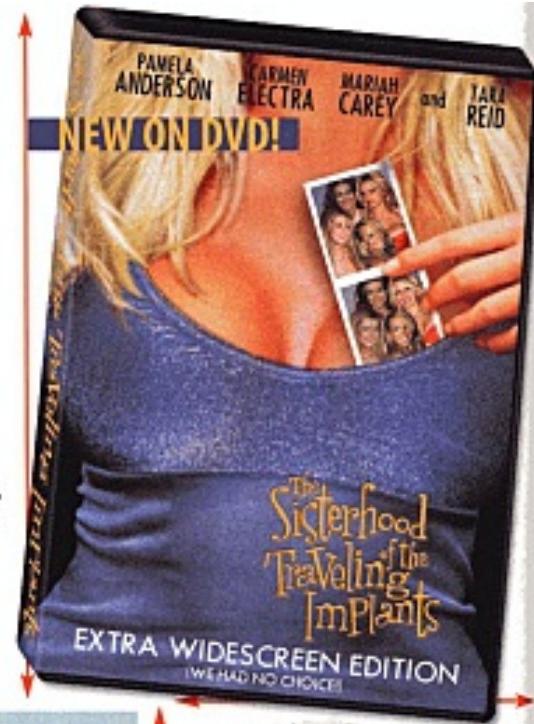
Least favorite Muppet: Slimey

Sneaker of choice: Reebok

AIM chat name: bEaKyMaN24

Unwanted hair removal technique: Tweezing

Highest level reached on Pac-Man World 2: "Ghost Bayou"



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Each year, MAD presents the "50 Worst Things..." usually around July. But this whack-doodle timing prevents us from focusing on one annual subject that deserves a list of its own. So now, in the spirit of the date Christmas falls on, we present...

The 25 WORST THINGS about CHRISTMAS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

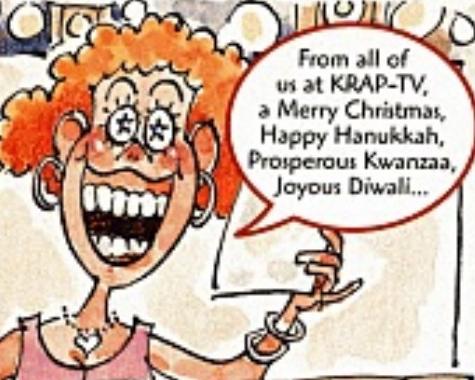
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That worthless fake "snow" under the tree, whose sole purpose it would appear is to cause allergic reactions and skin rashes amongst holiday revelers.



8

Chirpy, saccharine airheads who haven't gotten the word that the rest of us are getting pretty tired of political correctness.



From all of us at KRAP-TV,
a Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah,
Prosperous Kwanzaa,
Joyous Diwali...



5

TV weathermen who "report" that National Weather Service radar has picked up what appears to be a "tiny sleigh pulled by eight reindeer" approaching from the North Pole. That's great, Orson Welles, now tell us if it's gonna frickin' rain tomorrow or not.

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9

The bizarre line in the song *Winter Wonderland* that goes, "In the meadow we can build a snowman. Then pretend that he is Parson Brown...". In light of the recent church sex scandals, is this really an image we want to put into our minds, let alone the minds of impressionable children everywhere?

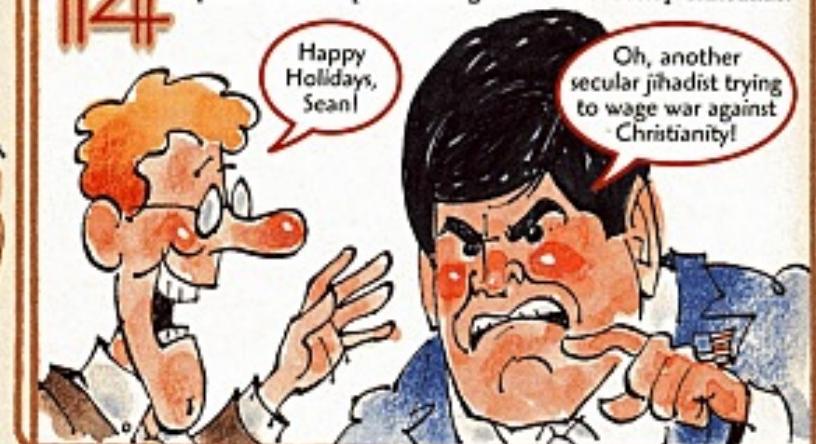


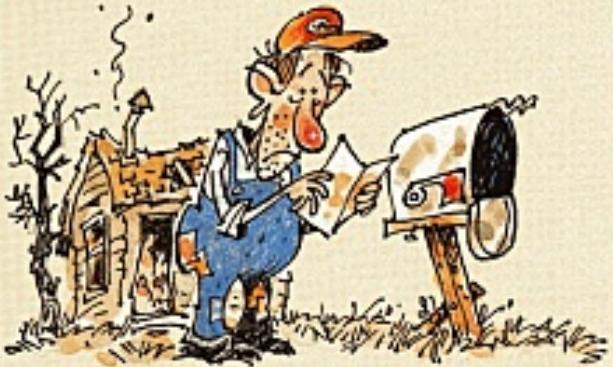
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Sorry-ass Salvation Army carolers who expect you to cough up a donation for their lousy renditions of songs you can hear on the radio for free.

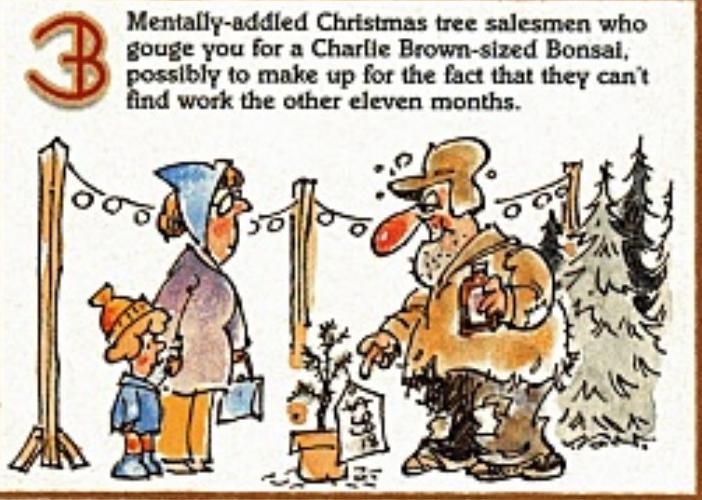
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Right-wingers who go apoplectic at the mere thought that anyone would say something other than "Merry Christmas."

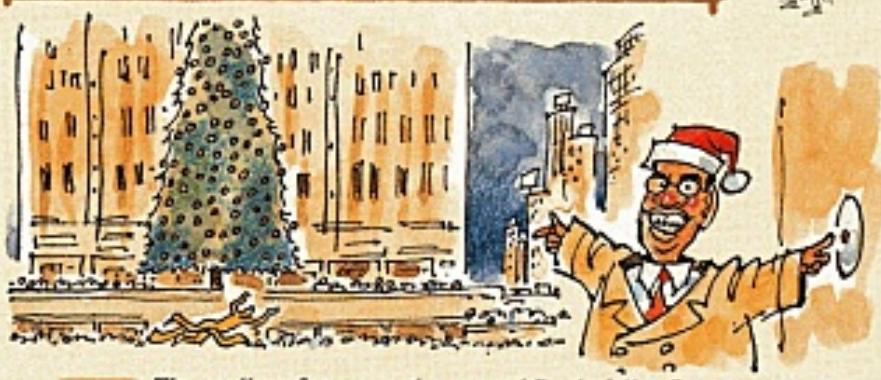




2 Phony-baloney, mass-produced holiday cards sent by your weasel congressman — at your expense — wishing you, among other things, prosperity.

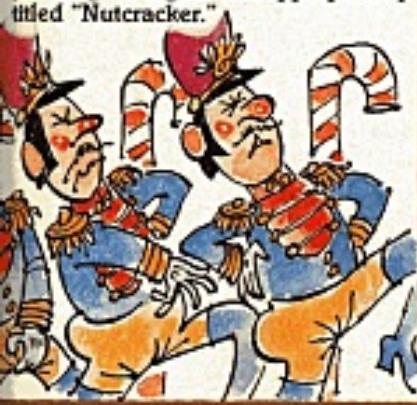


6 Cretins you haven't spoken with for ages sending you a card that arrives on the 24th, which guilt-trips you into having to send them a card back, which embarrassingly arrives the next week.

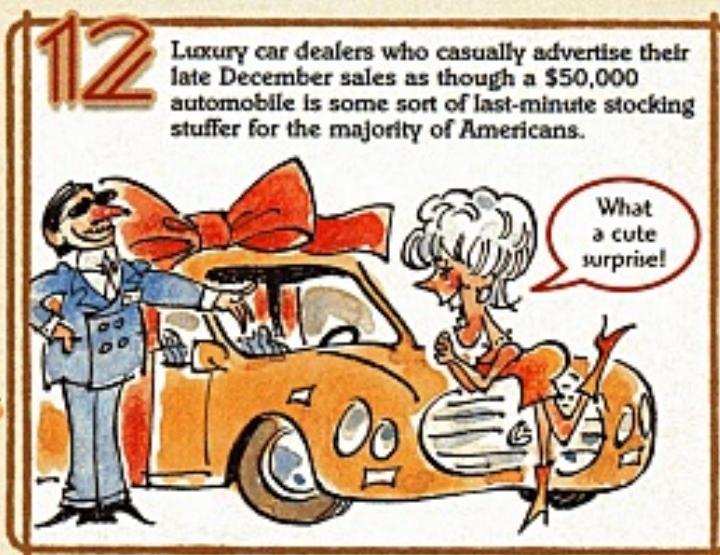


7 The endless fuss over the annual Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting. If Al Roker hadn't dropped 200 pounds, NBC could show the same special from 1995 and no one would be any the wiser.

Effeminate men in excruciatingly painful skin-tight leotards solemnly prancing onstage to the appropriately titled "Nutcracker."



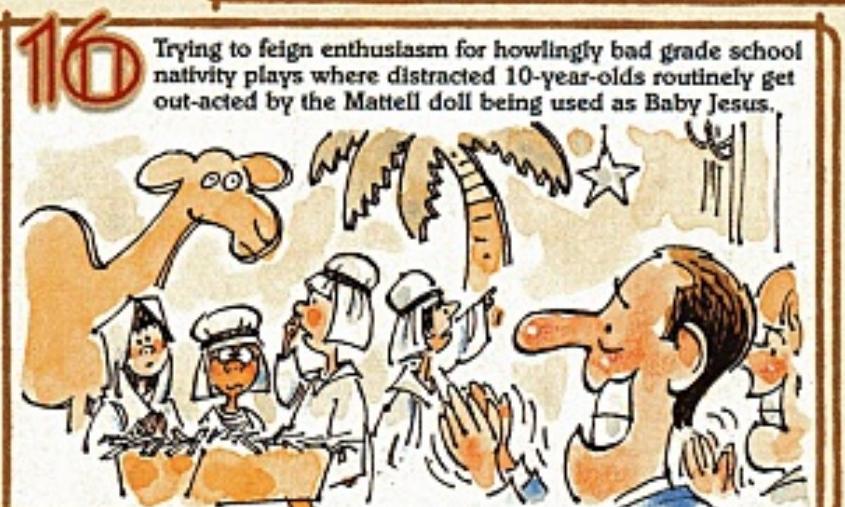
11 Getting egg dye all over your hands when...wait, hold on. Wrong holiday. (But it still sucks.)



12 Luxury car dealers who casually advertise their late December sales as though a \$50,000 automobile is some sort of last-minute stocking stuffer for the majority of Americans.



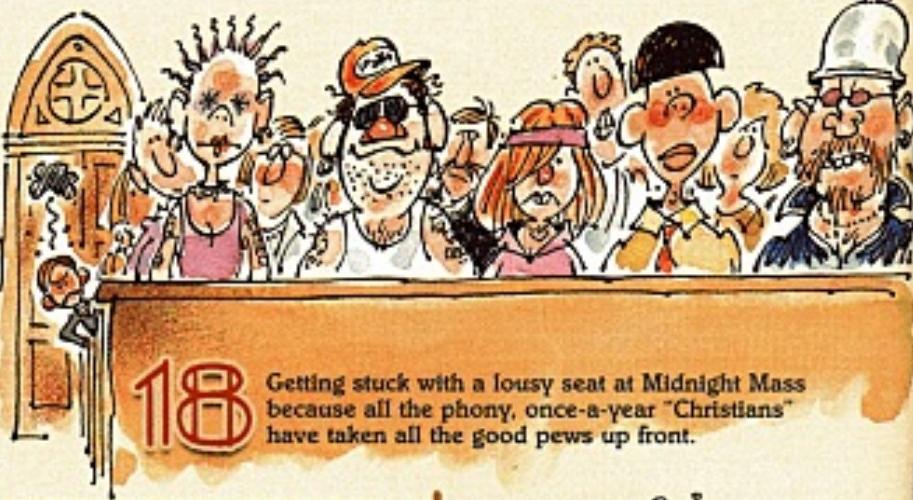
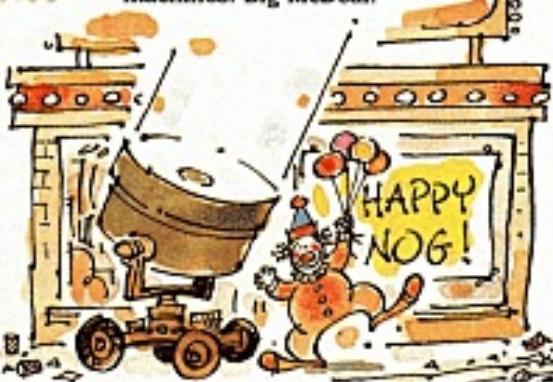
15 David Letterman's tiresome, predictable holiday monologue jokes about his drunken uncle, weird mother, Santa being mugged on the New York subway, and squirrels painting their nuts red and green.



16 Trying to feign enthusiasm for howlingly bad grade school nativity plays where distracted 10-year-olds routinely get out-acted by the Mattel doll being used as Baby Jesus.

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Fast food places that get all excited over the fact that they've managed to add artificial eggnog flavor to their shake machines. Big McDeal!

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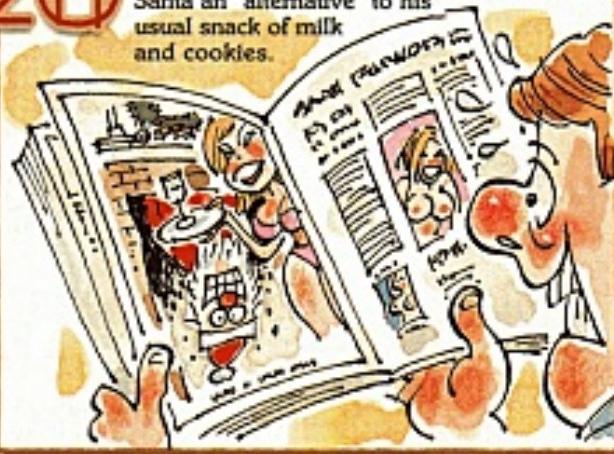
Getting stuck with a lousy seat at Midnight Mass because all the phony, once-a-year "Christians" have taken all the good pews up front.

**19**

The latest paint-by-numbers bastardization of the Scrooge story.

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The annual Playboy cartoons depicting buxom babes ready to give horny old Santa an "alternative" to his usual snack of milk and cookies.

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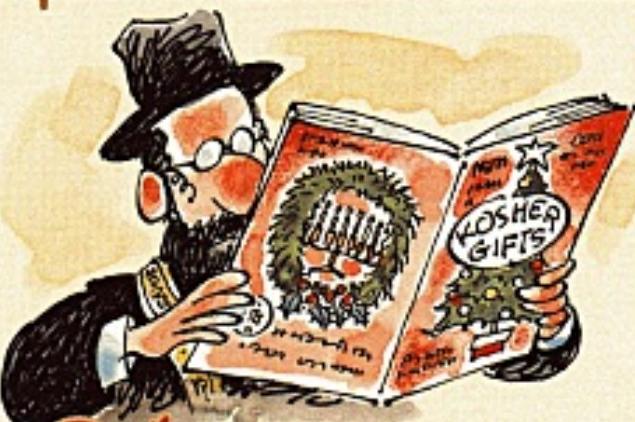
The ACLU, who act as if the entire foundation of American law will immediately come tumbling to the ground if there's a three-foot Nativity scene in a public park in Sandusky, Ohio.

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The ungodly, reddish blend of chemicals known as Pepsi Spice, which tastes like it should be racked with the insecticides.

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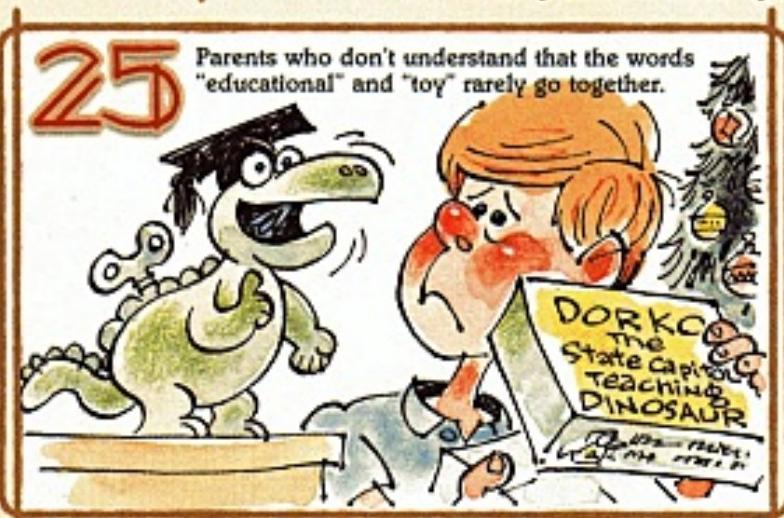
So-called professional "comedians" who score cheap and easy points with hackneyed, decades-old lines about how fruitcakes aren't exactly the tastiest holiday treat.

**24**

Catalogs who insist on tying their products into Christmas, no matter how inappropriate their product line.

25

Parents who don't understand that the words "educational" and "toy" rarely go together.



GO FETCH!

THE LATEST STUFF YOU MAY (OR MAY NOT)

WANT TO CHASE DOWN!



DVD

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**JACKASS THE BOX SET**

Paramount Home Entertainment • December 6

The Hype: Join in-your-face, do-anything-to-shock daredevil Johnny Knoxville and his team of ne'er-do-wells — including Steve-O, Bam Margera and Wee Man — as they terrorize bystanders, store owners and parking lots across an unsuspecting nation.

The Snipe: Surprisingly, the "Where Are They Now?" bonus feature does not take place entirely inside a rehabilitation hospital.

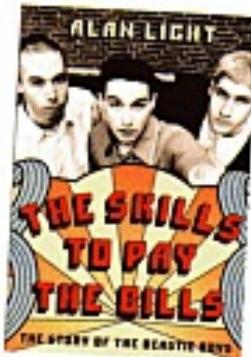
BOOK**THE SKILLS TO PAY THE BILLS
THE STORY OF THE BEASTIE BOYS****ALAN LIGHT**

Three Rivers Press Digital •

\$14.00 • 268 pages • January

The Hype: This book provides a comprehensive history of the Beastie Boys and their influence on music and pop culture.

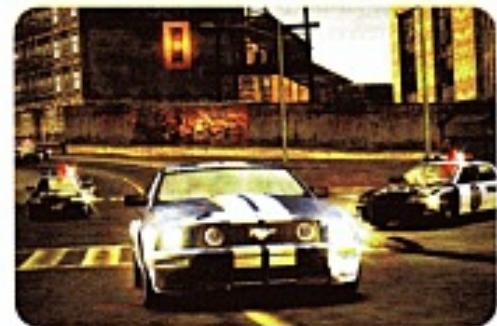
The Snipe: They made it cool to be a white rapper, only to see all their hard work undone by the likes of Vanilla Ice, Snow, Fred Durst, Aaron Carter and Marky Mark Wahlberg!

**GAME****NEED FOR SPEED
MOST WANTED**

Electronic Arts • Xbox 360, PS2, Xbox, GameCube, PC, PSP, DS, GBA

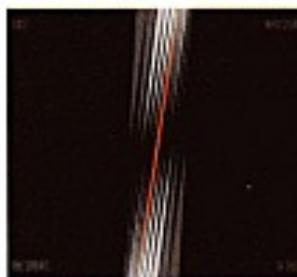
The Hype: Rule the streets as the most notorious street racer in various regions that include edgy industrial and urban environments. *Need for Speed Most Wanted* combines illicit street racing and tuner customization with the intensity of strategic police pursuit that surpasses any Hollywood-style chase scene.

The Snipe: Think of this game as training for all the carjackers you'll be seeing via police helicopter on the next few seasons of *Cops*.

**MUSIC****FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH
THE STROKES**

RCA Records • January 3

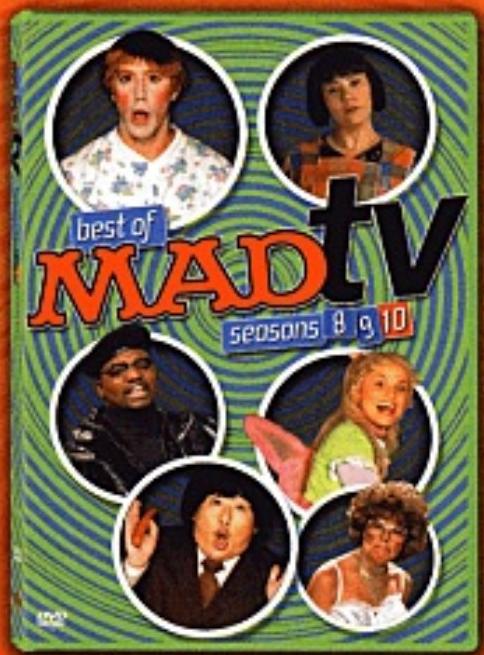
The Hype: Rock and roll's supposed saviors put out their third studio release. However, the album has been hampered by having several of its songs leaked onto the internet months ahead of schedule.



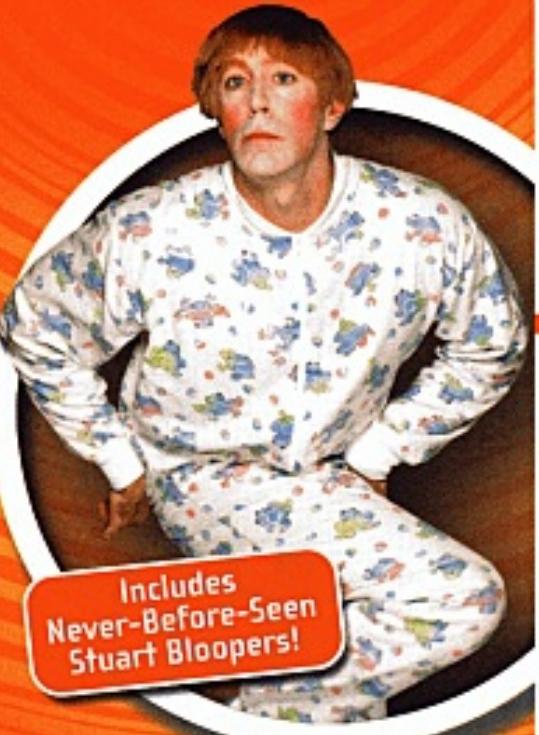
The Snipe: Music illegally available online? We're shocked by this news! Just shocked!

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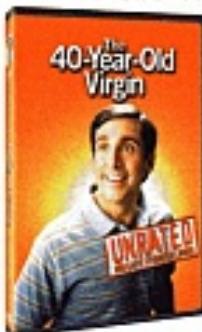
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DVD

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 13



The Hype: Andy Stitzer has a nice apartment and a job stamping invoices at an electronics store. But at age 40, there's one thing Andy hasn't done: he's still a virgin. His friends make it their mission to change that, but Andy seems hopeless — until he meets single mom Trish.

The Snipe: If you like films with a "happy ending," this is the movie for you!

THE MAKING OF A GRAPHIC NOVEL

PRENTIS ROLLINS

Warner Books • \$19.95 • 168 pages • January

The Hype: This book shows the creation of a graphic novel from beginning to end. The author explains how to conceive, write, draw, ink and finally letter a graphic novel. This process allows readers to look over the shoulder of an artist as he creates the final work.

The Snipe: Alert: if you see someone reading this in a bookstore, whatever you do, don't look over their shoulder, that would be too weird!

DVD

KING KONG: PETER JACKSON'S PRODUCTION DIARIES

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 13

The Hype: Director Peter Jackson takes fans on an unprecedented behind-the-scenes filmmaker's journey. This DVD set details an exclusive firsthand account of the intense eight-month production process of the epic film King Kong.



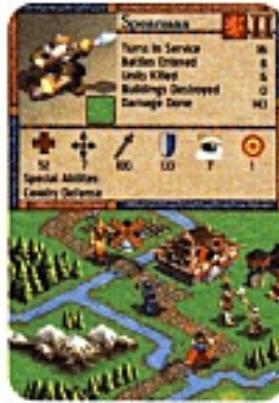
The Snipe: Ironically, an "intense eight months" is also what it takes to view the entire "Platinum Series Special Extended DVD Edition" of Jackson's Lord of the Rings trilogy.

AGE OF EMPIRES: THE AGE OF KINGS

Majesco Entertainment • '05

The Hype: Boasting turn-based strategy game-play, Age of Empires: The Age of Kings allows players to move from the Dark Ages through the Middle Ages with one goal in mind: domination of the known world.

The Snipe: The Dark Ages? Isn't that when they taught stuff like Intelligent Design?



GAME

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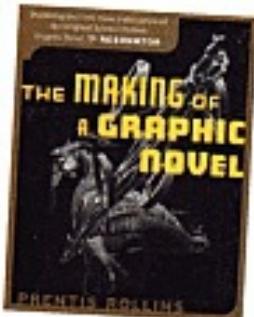
Activision • Xbox 360, PC

The Hype: You are Matthew Kane, a member of the Earth Defense Forces fighting the alien Strogg. After being captured on the planet Stroggs and converted into a Strogg, you become Earth's only hope for victory, as the horrifying modifications give you the ability to interface and manipulate the Strogg world in ways no human has ever been able to do before.

The Snipe: Hey, we've got nothing against conversion, as long as the "horrifying modifications" don't involve a bri-



BOOK



MUSIC

WITH LOVE AND SQUALOR WE ARE SCIENTISTS

Virgin Records • January 10

The Hype: Sounding like The Killers with a smirk, this three-man American band is already huge in England, but hopes to win over the home crowd with its debut album.

The Snipe: Before you get too excited, here are some other things that are "huge in England": black pudding, useless royal, tiny canical cars, eccles, cricket and Posh Spice.



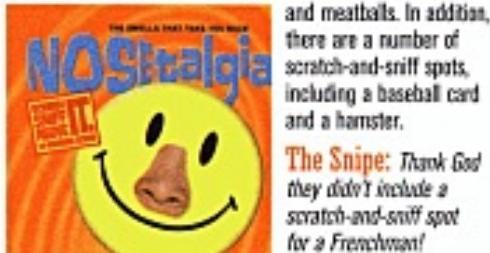
BOOK

NOSETALGIA: THE SMELLS THAT TAKE YOU BACK

MICHAEL GITTER, SYLVIA VACCARI AND CAROL BOBOLTS

Andrews McMeel Publishing • \$14.95 • 88 pages • December

The Hype: There are full-color photos of a variety of items from the past — from Gumby to Franco-American spaghetti and meatballs. In addition, there are a number of scratch-and-sniff spots, including a baseball card and a hamster.



The Snipe: Thank God they didn't include a scratch-and-sniff spot for a Frenchman!

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MUSIC

FUGEES REUNION ALBUM

Sony Records • December 27

The Hype: After nearly a decade, and following various solo careers, countless side projects and rumored in-fighting, the Fugees finally get around to releasing the follow-up to their wildly successful album, *The Score*.

FUGEES



The Snipe: The good news — after all this time, the Fugees got it together and are making music again! The bad news — it could give ideas to the Backstreet Boys.

BOOK

THE COMPLETE DOG BOOK

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Balantine • \$35.00 • 800 pages • January

The Hype: This edition contains updated histories, pictures of 153 breeds, a glossary, and a canine health and first aid section. This book will help in choosing, living with, and enjoying dogs!

The Snipe: If you're torn between getting your child a Polish Lowland Sheepdog or a Nova Scotia Duck Toller Retriever, this book is for you!

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GAME

RESIDENT EVIL 4

Capcom • PS3

The Hype: Agent Leon S. Kennedy has been tasked to look into the abduction of the President's daughter and his investigation has led him to a mysterious location in Europe. As Leon encounters unimaginable horrors, he must find out who or what is behind everything.

The Snipe: Unimaginable horrors in Europe, huh? Can't be any worse than the usual European horrors of bad British teeth and EuroDisney.



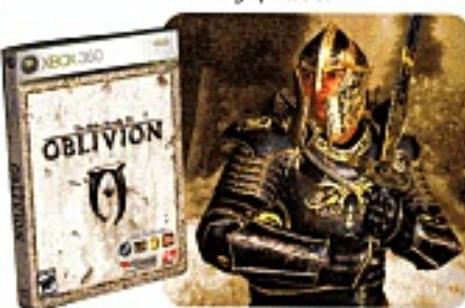
GAME

THE ELDER SCROLLS IV: OBLIVION

Bethesda Softworks/2K Games • Xbox 360, PC

The Hype: After the mysterious and untimely death of the Emperor of Tamriel, the gates of Oblivion open and demons march upon the land. To turn the tide of darkness, you must find the lost heir to the throne and unravel the sinister plot that threatens to destroy all of Tamriel. Voice talent includes Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp and Lynda Carter.

The Snipe: Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp, and Lynda Carter?! Ho-wee! Now she can charge a buck more at the WonderCon autograph table!



DVD

FANTASTIC FOUR

Fox Home Entertainment • December 6

The Hype: During a space voyage, four scientists are altered by cosmic rays: Reed Richards gains the ability to stretch his body; Sue Storm can become invisible and create force fields; Johnny Storm controls fire; and Ben Grimm is turned into a super-strong...thing!



The Snipe: It's the most annoying team of four freakish losers since the cast of Hogan Knows Best!

THE MUST-HAVE!

530 KNUCKLEBOOM LOADER TIMBERJACK

The Hype: Built to withstand the side stresses of delimiting, the Timberjack 530 Knuckleboom Loader is ideal for high volume, large timber applications that smaller log loaders can't handle. Its powerful 240 hp diesel engine offers optimum lift through the boom range, and its 31 ft. 6 in. (9.6 m) main and stick booms — with rugged, lightweight box design and steel castings at pivot points — provide more lift capacity and swing torque than other loaders in its class.

The Snipe: Free gift-wrapping not available at this time



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Spy vs Spy Jr

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On October 14 at Lowe's® Motor Speedway, Kasey Kahne and the No. 38 Great Clips Dodge team used "covert" track tactics during the NASCAR Busch Series race when they teamed up with Spy vs. Spy Jr. from MAD Kids magazine.

Starting this month, Spy vs. Spy Jr. will leap forth from the pages of MAD Kids in a continuing story of pint-sized enemies who fight their never-ending battle with cream pies, slingshots and water balloons. MAD Magazine featured the No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger to launch the new MAD Kids for children ages 6 to 11.

The No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger marks the second time Kahne has teamed with MAD Magazine for a paint scheme special. Last season, the original Spy vs. Spy made an appearance aboard the No. 9 Dodge at the NASCAR Cup Series race in Atlanta.

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MAD KIDS

The Chronicle says it is not available this week.
Survey, sent to the presidents of 1,226 four-year colleges over the summer, drew 764 responses, or 62 percent. It was conducted by The Chronicle by Magazine of Bedford, Mass.

By Seilag, the Chronicle editor who oversaw the study, said he knew of any other study of presidents that looked as at their job, their political and their personal lives. His sample was representative of presidents at colleges that award bachelors' degrees.



20 hours for The New York Times
was convicted in the towing instead of doing time.

The presidents who answered the survey, 40 percent said they were served as Democrats, 22 percent as Republicans and 18 percent as Independents. But 34 percent said they voted for John Kerry and 28 percent for George W. Bush, though there has been growing reservation of women in top jobs on campuses. The Chronicle's president was still usually a man who was at least 50 years old, and Christian. Despite the emphasis on financial matters, nearly a third of the presidents said the fact their job they were least prepared for was fund-raising. Eleven percent said the part they were most prepared for was dealing with legislators and other political issues. 11 percent planned to buy property as their "Achilles' heel when they became presidents."

Perhaps surprisingly, 32 percent of respondents said they believed there were faculty members who should be abolished in favor of long-term contracts, but those who had tenure were more supportive than those who did not. On another issue, whether campuses are open to diverse views, 21 percent of the respondents said they thought colleges were more open in the past, but 25 percent said they were less open, and 31 percent said they had not changed.

The college presidents described their jobs as very demanding, and many said they had had to make sacrifices in leisure time activities, research and teaching and time with their families. Still, The Chronicle found that 94 percent of presidents said that if they had to do it over again, they would.

One president of a public university called the job "one of the true great jobs left."

Philadelphia Transit Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct. 20 (AP) — Thousands of city transit workers went on strike just after midnight Monday, leaving nearly half a million commuters without transportation.

Buses, trolleys and subways operated by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority were affected. Wages, work rules and health care are the main issues in dispute. No new talks are scheduled between SEPTA and Transport Workers Union Local 214, which represents about 5,800 employees, said Bob Riedel, a union spokesman.

A PROGRESS REPORT FROM **ExxonMonopoly**

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita clearly demonstrated how major storms can disrupt the distribution of the nation's fuel supplies. But be assured that no matter what Mother Nature throws in our path, from a monsoon to the terrifying intermittent drizzle we experienced last Tuesday, the challenge for us at ExxonMonopoly remains to overstate these disruptions while maximizing profits.

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During this difficult time we urge consumers to use fuel wisely. We don't recommend that you drive less, or slower, or commute via hot, crowded, filthy public transportation. But when you fill up, you can do your part by trying not to spill too much.

For our part, we will do our best to restore production and distribution as fast and as cheaply as possible. Toward this end, we're asking the government to release more land for drilling, such as all the National Parks, protected wetlands, public landmarks and some suburban backyards.

We salute the efforts of President Bush, himself a former oil executive, who understands our difficult plight and has stood by us during this period of national tragedy and record-breaking profits. Be assured that we at **ExxonMonopoly** remain committed to shattering those records again and again in the coming months. That's our pledge to you, our valued customers.

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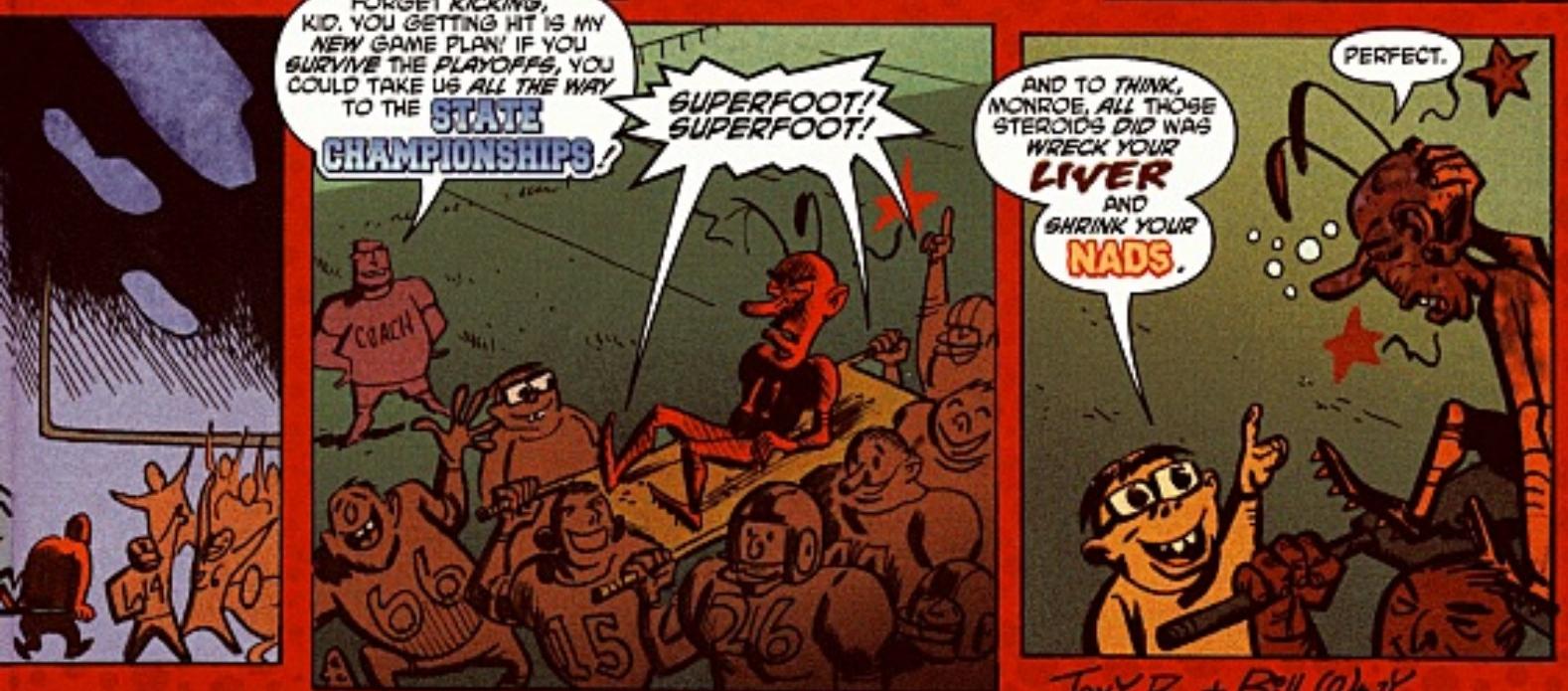
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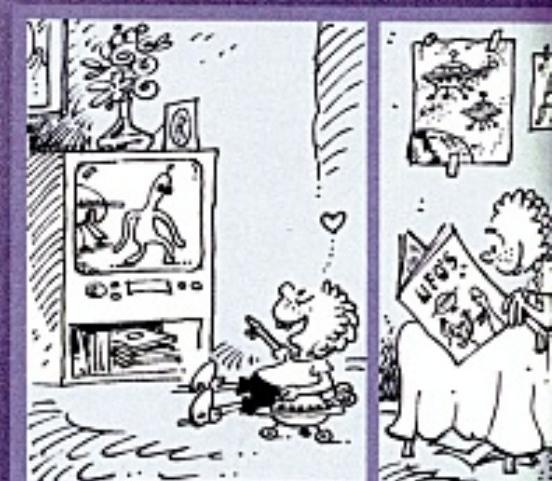
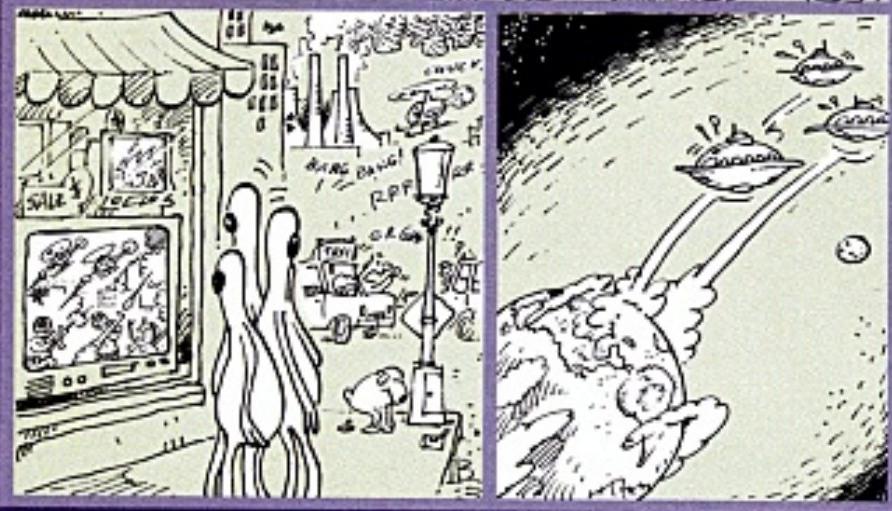
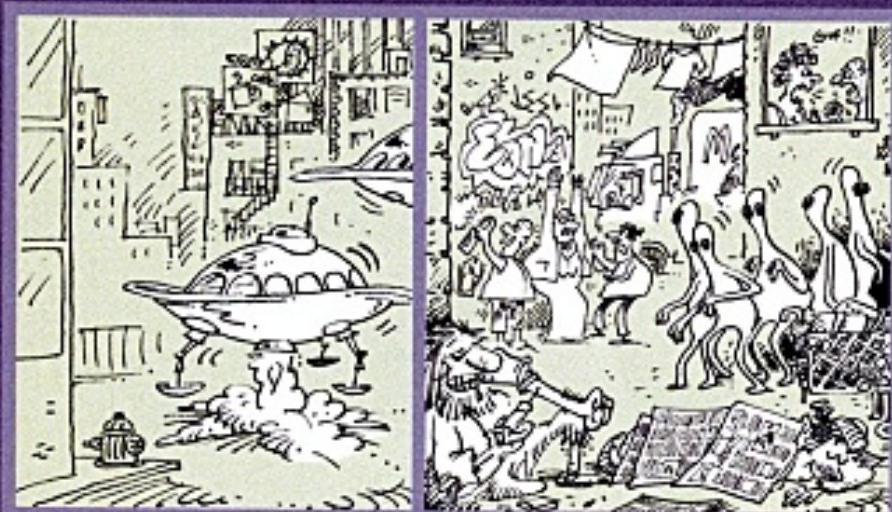
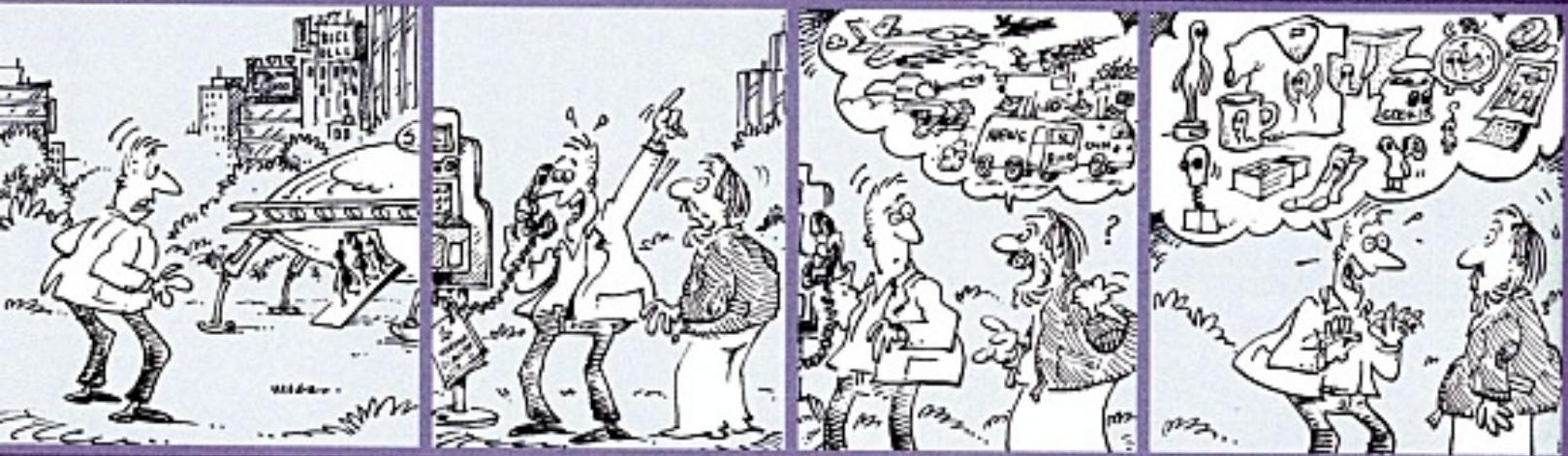




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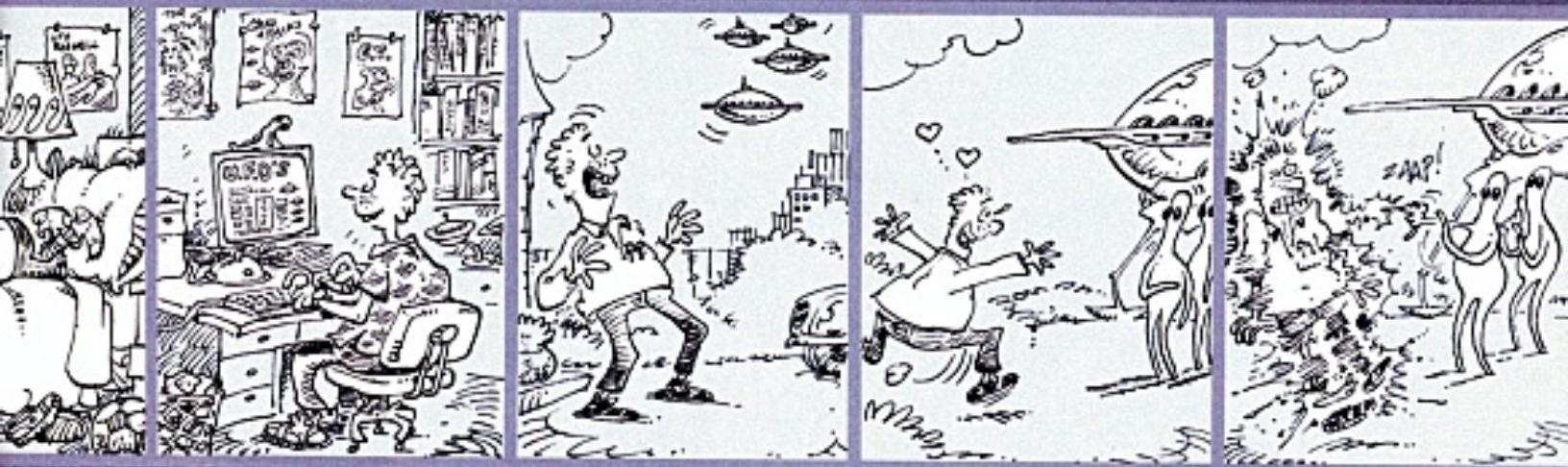
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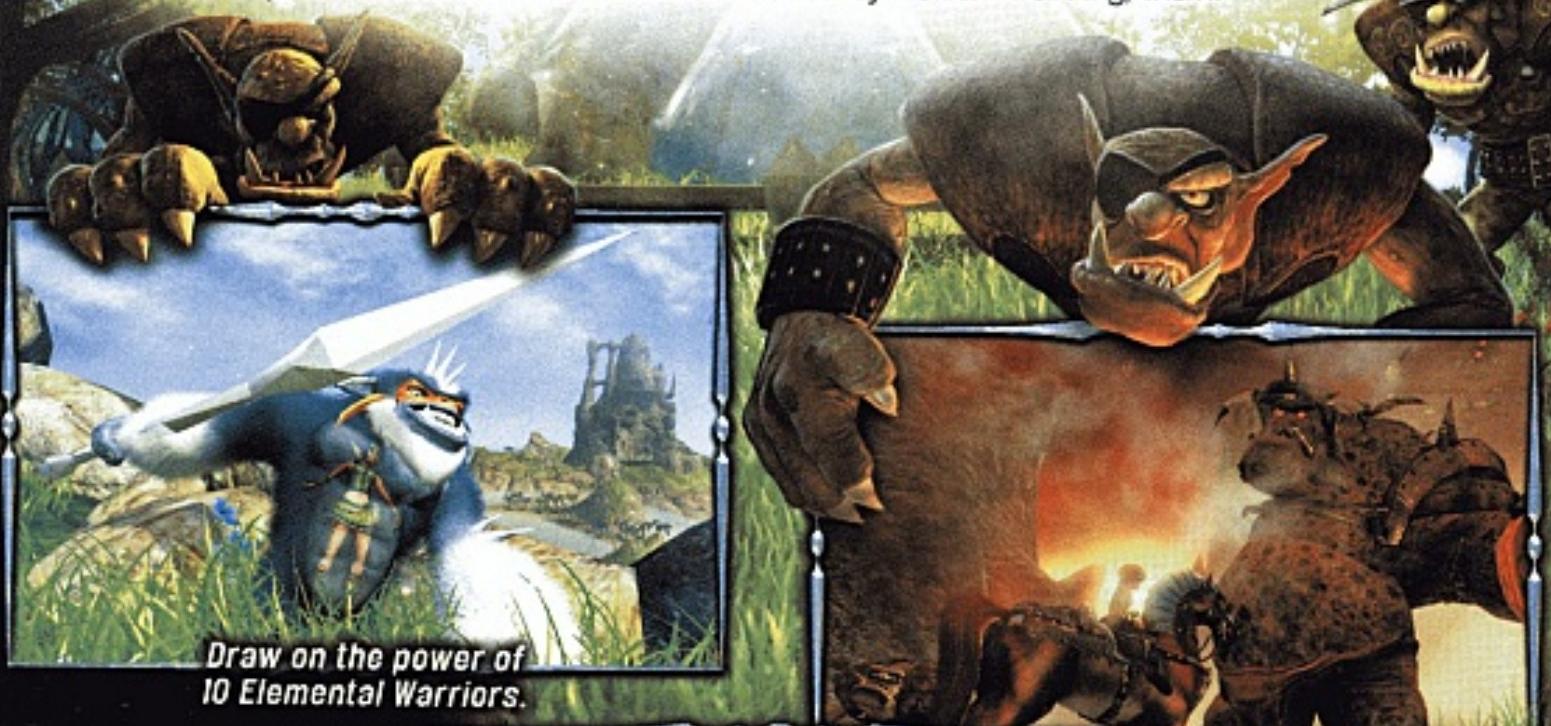


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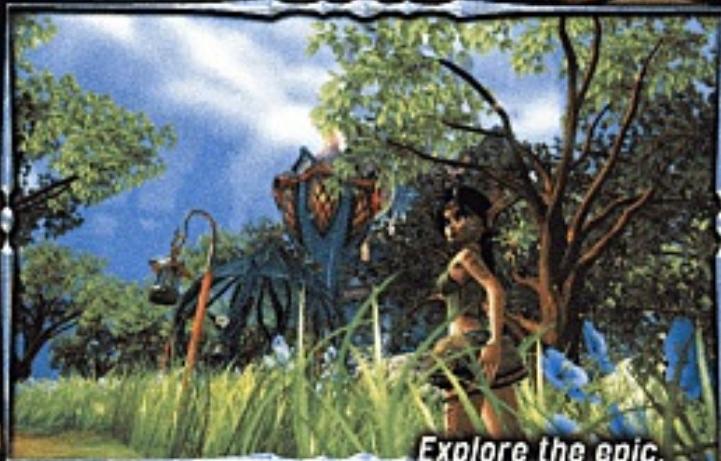


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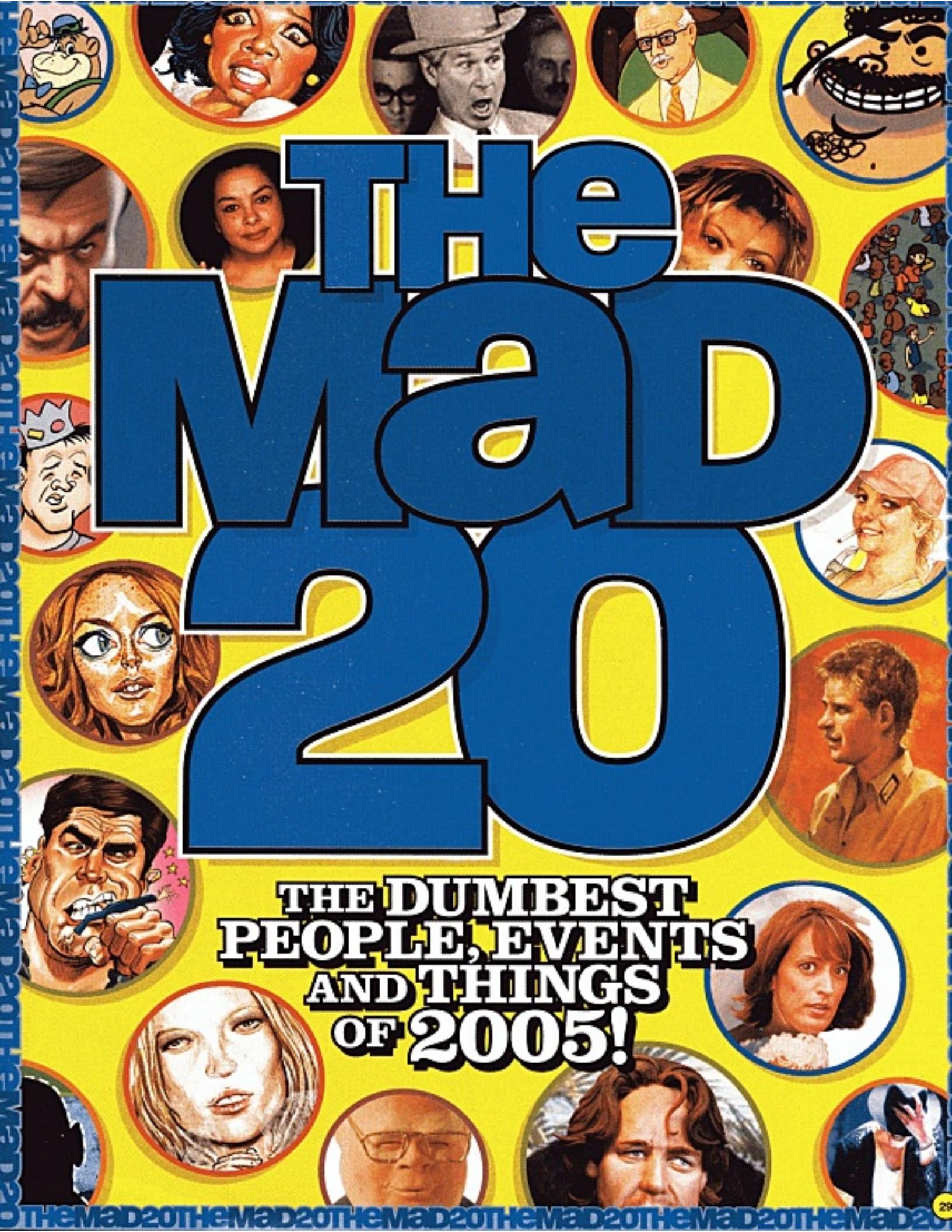


Animated Blood Violence

ESRB CONTENT RATING: [monday night err](#)

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**THE DUMBEST
PEOPLE, EVENTS
AND THINGS
OF 2005!**



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HURRICANE KATRINA THE BUSH LEAGUE RESPONSE

Shattering his old record for totally ignoring a national disaster (8 minutes of slacking following the 9/11 attacks), President Bush set a new standard this year for utter cluelessness. As Katrina grew to a Category 5 hurricane and smashed the Gulf Coast, leaving New Orleans underwater and thousands stranded and suffering, Dubya spent his time clearing brush, presenting a birthday cake to John McCain, strumming a guitar at a GOP fundraiser, and sleeping. By the time he apologized to the nation two weeks later, it was painfully clear that the President had a lot in common with the citizens of New Orleans: he, too, was in way over his head.

YOU'VE NOT FOUND W YET?

**WHERE'S
W?**



HE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND IN ANY SCENE!

HE'S MIND-BOGGLINGLY ABSENT!

2

TOM CRUISE FROM PRETTY BOY TO "HOO BOY!"

As a Scientologist, Tom Cruise believes that all human suffering is caused by the galactic tyrant Xenu, who stacked billions of alien ghosts in volcanoes 75,000,000 years ago and then blew them up with his H-bombs. To us that sounds completely plausible, especially when compared to Tom's recent super crazy rants against psychotherapy and his wide-eyed, maniacal declarations of love for Katie Holmes. (Note to Katie: *Get out now!*) Damn that Xenu for making us all suffer through Cruise's weird, pathetic meltdown.

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY PRESENTS TOM CRUISE IN...

MISSION: INSURFERRABLE

His mission, should he choose to accept it, is to convince the world that he really, really, really likes women, prescription drugs for mental illness are evil, and everyone must go see his new movie.

THIS MAN WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE SECONDS.**TOM CRUISE**AS THE UNRAVELING MOVIE STAR
AND AMATEUR PSYCHIATRIST**KATIE HOLMES**AS THE BRAINWASHED LOVE INTEREST
WITH WEIRD SORES AROUND HER MOUTH**OPRAH WINFREY**AS THE TALK SHOW HOST WHO NEEDS TO
CLEAN FOOTPRINTS OFF HER COUCH**MATT LAUER**AS THE "GLIB"
MORNING ANCHOR**AND BROOKE SHIELDS**AS THE LONG-SUFFERING, POSTPARTUM MOM WHO
JUST NEEDS SOME EXERCISE AND A FEW VITAMINS**PRODUCED BY A GIGANTIC EGO**

3

THERE GOES THE BRIDE JENNIFER WILBANKS SAYS "ADIEU"

Here comes the bride, all dressed in...whoops, not so fast! Just days before her upcoming nuptials, spooked bride-to-be Jennifer Wilbanks faked being kidnapped by a "Hispanic man" to avoid tying the knot. After an entire police force and 150 volunteers spent days looking for her to the tune of \$60,000, she admitted that the story of her abduction on the eve of marriage was even phonier than the story of Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey's happy marriage. But still, the most troubling and highly disturbing aspect of the whole story? Her freaky-ass bug-eyes!

FROM THE PUBLISHERS OF
DRUNKEN BRIDE

Runaway Bride

Greyhound Vs. Trailways

Jennifer Wilbanks
Picks The Best Bus
For Skipping Town

A SMALL, INTIMATE
NON-WEDDING OR A
SPLASHY, LAVISH
NON-WEDDING—
Which is right for you?

**25 TRENDY
DESIGNER VEILS
THAT OFFER
THE LEAST
WIND RESISTANCE
WHILE FLEEING**



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The Surprising
Results of Our
"SHOULD THE
SHOWER GIFTS BE
RETURNED?" Poll



**CARB-LOADING
AT THE
BACHELORETTE
PARTY:
One Bride's
Secret Escape
Regimen**

Faking Your
Disappearance
ON A BUDGET

4

RUSSELL CROWE'S TELEPHONE TANTRUM

DIAL "M" FOR MORON

Russell Crowe may not get a Best Actor nomination for *Cinderella Man*, but if there was a category for Best Real Life Temper Tantrum Thrown By a Pampered, Spoiled Multi-Millionaire Crybaby, then he'd be a sure-fire winner. The only performance of Crowe's that anyone paid any attention to this year was his caveman-like hotel lobby hissy fit during which he chucked a malfunctioning telephone at the head of a hapless desk clerk. All we can say is, it's a good thing Russell wasn't having any problems with his toilet.



Crowe-Magnon Man's Early Attempt at Communication

5

KARL ROVE A MAN FOR ALL TREASONS

There's an old saying that goes, if you piss in the wind enough, sooner or later it's bound to come back and hit you in the face. And so it was with White House advisor and political smear-meister, Karl Rove. When Rove heard that former diplomat Robert Wilson was issuing a report debunking the Bush administration's main reason for invading Iraq, and unable to refute Wilson with the facts, Karl did the only thing he could do: attack Wilson by secretly leaking to the press that his wife, Valerie Plame, was an undercover CIA agent. There were only two problems with Karl's plan: 1) It's against the law, and 2) He got caught. Next thing Karl knew, he was in front of a federal grand jury probing his verbal incontinence. Bad boy, Karl. Bad boy!

**Uh Oh!
It's Washington's
Lil' Leaker**

**Karl
Rove!**

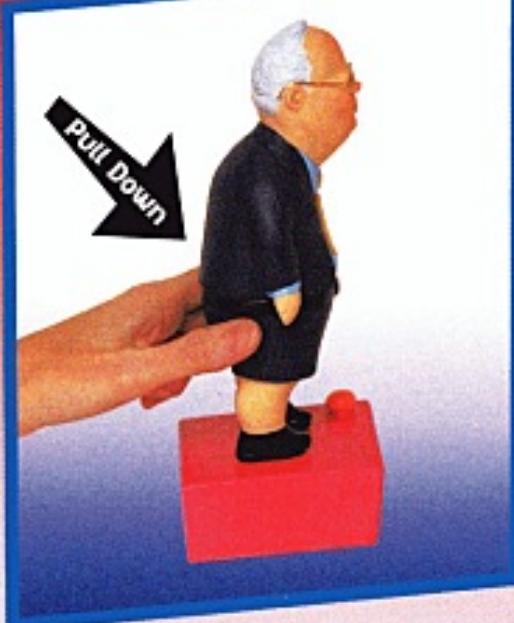
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**It's
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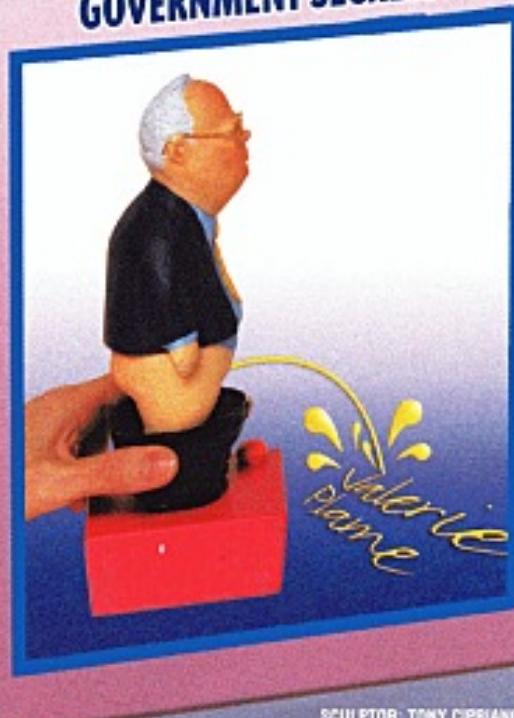
**It's
TREASONOUS!**



JUST PULL DOWN
KARL'S PANTS...



...AND WATCH HIM
LEAK CLASSIFIED
GOVERNMENT SECRETS!





6

PRINCE HARRY NOT KNOWING REICH FROM WRONG

Nearly a year after it happened, we're still trying to figure out why in Himmler's name Britain's Prince Harry thought it was a jolly good idea to attend a costume party dressed in full Nazi regalia. As part of a family that says it doesn't want to attract undue attention, parading around with a Swastika armband isn't exactly the way to go unnoticed. Note to His Highness: next time you get a hankering to dress up as a Nazi, play it safe and go as the Soup Nazi. Unlike you, he's funny.

queen elizabeth II

prince harry

when harry went nazi

7

DAVE CHAPPELLE MUST FLEE TV

Everyone handles success differently. Some immediately embrace it, some slowly adapt to it and others panic, crap their pants and haul ass to South Africa. Just after signing a record-breaking \$50 million contract with Comedy Central, guess which category Dave Chappelle fell into. Even though his impersonations of Lil John, Rick James and Prince made him a star, Dave is now most famous for a baffling new impression: Runaway Bride Jennifer Wilbanks (see number 3).

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Rare Bonus Footage of Dave returning his \$50 million advance to Comedy Central's President, Doug Herzog!

Over 8 hours of footage of some douche bag in a bar who thinks he's hilarious, doing his lame "I'm Rick James, Bitch" routine!



8

PAT ROBERTSON HITMAN OF THE CLOTH

Pat Robertson has long been respected and admired as a leading authority on sanctimonious, pea-brained, hateful ideas. This year, however, the Reverend's disturbing slide into advanced dementia reached a new low point when he called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. We're not Biblical scholars, but we missed the part in the Good Book where Jesus advocates killing. Perhaps Robertson's Bible includes The Gospel According To Jack (Ruby). We'd take issue with Pat more fervently, but honestly, we wouldn't want him to put a hit out on us, too.

Weather: Chilly today 82/65

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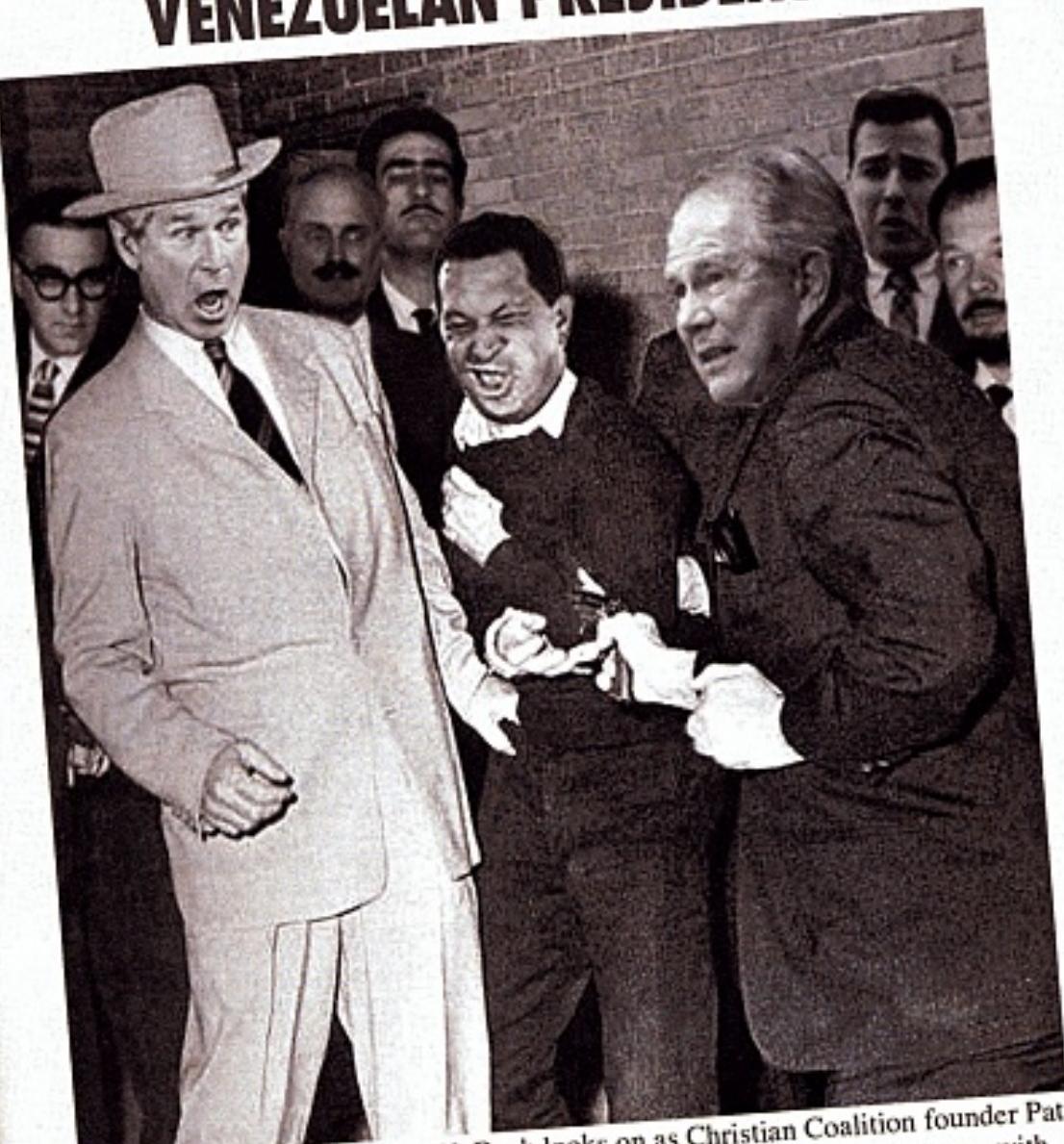
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DAILY POST

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005

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25¢ THOU SHALT KILL! REV. PAT ROBERTSON ASSASSINATES VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT



A stunned President George W. Bush looks on as Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson pumps several rounds at close range into someone he disagrees with.

9

SCAM ARTIST GIVES WENDY'S THE FINGER

It was a fast food scam so stupid, it made the Hamburglar look like a criminal mastermind. Anna Ayala thought she had cooked up the perfect swindle — plant a severed digit in her Wendy's chili and just wait for that easy lawsuit money to come rolling in! Only one problem: for some crazy reason, Wendy's wanted to figure out exactly how "Chili con Fingertip" ended up on their menu. It didn't take much investigating before Ayala's Biggie lies were exposed and she and her husband were arrested — but not before her stunt cost Wendy's millions of bucks in lost business. Amazingly, in a story that involved a woman almost eating a severed human finger, Ayala's greedy, dumbass behavior managed to stand out as the most disgusting part.

**Now you can
DEFRAUD LARGE CORPORATIONS
out of an ARM AND A LEG...
With just a finger.**



Anna Ayala
Convicted
Spokescon



RAP SHEET RECIPES™ Finger Food Fraud

INGREDIENTS

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 multi-million dollar fast-food company | 2 cups hubris |
| 1 Lawsuit Helper® | 1 tsp. temerity |
| Severed Human Fingertip | Assorted greedy relatives & lawyers
(to flavor story) |
| 1-1/2 cups chutzpah | |

1. Select large, successful fast-food chain.
2. Insert Lawsuit Helper® Severed Human Fingertip into mouth.
3. Casually mix into crowded, busy restaurant.
4. Combine fingertip with mouthful of food.
5. Spit mixture into napkin.
6. Cause scene.
7. Contact lawyer and media.
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RAFAEL PALMEIRO TESTIFIES NEGATIVE, TESTS POSITIVE

When people say an athlete's had quite a year, they're usually referring to his on-the-field heroics. Not so with mustachioed, unnaturally tanned baseball star Rafael Palmeiro. After waving his finger in Clinton-esque fashion in front of Congress and testifying that he'd never used steroids, Rafy tested positive. Ever defiant, he then claimed that he never "intentionally" used steroids. But soon it was revealed that the heavy-duty 'roid he tested positive for is never found in tainted supplements, so he went to his next lame defense and blamed a teammate for giving him a tainted vitamin injection. Not long ago Palmeiro was hired to pitch Viagra to people who had trouble keeping it up. A good choice, because when it comes to dishing out the heavy B.S., Rafy can keep it up forever.



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THE TERRI SCHIAVO MEDIA CIRCUS

When a living creature perishes, eventually disgusting maggots appear to feed on its dead flesh. In the case of Terri Schiavo, the maggots — the self-righteous politicians, sanctimonious preachers, cable news talkers, heads and partisan grandstanders — actually fed on poor Terri while she was still alive. Upon hearing of this personal family tragedy, they quickly seized the opportunity to push forth their own selfish agendas. And an entire nation watched as these lowlife freaks whipped themselves — and the public — into a feeding frenzy. If only we could have disconnected the feeding tube on those bastards.





MICHAEL JACKSON'S TOUCHING TALE

Even after being acquitted on his latest round of boy-touching accusations, Michael Jackson's story was as full of unexplained holes as his kabuki face. But you'd never know it if you checked out the self-adoring celebration that erupted on his website. The King of Perv compared his "innocent" verdict to the birth of Martin Luther King, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela. It's good to see Michael finally gets it.

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MICHAEL JACKSON

CHOOSE MUSIC 70s 80s 90s 00s

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING OF POP

LATEST NEWS Monday, June 13, 2005

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY BILLIONS OF FANS AND SUPPORTERS

Victory! Utter, transpicuous, compulescent victory! Callooh! Callay!

I stand before the world today, proud, free, and not a little medicated. I reached an "amicable agreement" with the kid in 1994, I've beaten the rap in 2005, and I'll win again in 2016!

Not only will I forever be your King of Pop, but I'm a living symbol of freedom just like Nelson Mandela. Of course, in his case, the world applauded his principled 30-year stand against an oppressive racist government, while everybody in the world forwarded lists of email jokes about me diddling 9-year-old boys. Otherwise, same basic concept.

Of course I won! The case was a malverminous tissue of lies! Nowhere in the California State Penal Code does it specifically prohibit bouncing on a waterbed while wearing nothing but a jack o'lantern with one's distinctively speckled dinky where the candle should be. And who among us can honestly say he's never used SpongeBob and Patrick walkie-talkies for naughty talk, in a breathy falsetto? Oh, wait, I'm supposed to deny that. Well, good, because I never did either of those things, or the Bottomless Spy Kids Watch-a-thon.

To my loyal fans in Szegreby or Chexyzistan, or whatever country it is that still buys my music, thank you for your support. I'm especially grateful to the rudimentary news services and telecommunications void in your backwater hellhole. You rubes think I just put out "Thriller"!

Thanks to my team of lawyers, who never once played the race card, primarily because they couldn't figure out which card it was. Hoo! Hoo! Hoo! Sha-mon!

To my good friend Jay Leno, bless you for testifying in the trial. And more than anything, thank you so much for March 8, 2005: the day you actually did a *Tonight Show* monologue with fewer than five Michael Jackson jokes.

To Macaulay Culkin... jeez, what did I ever see in THAT little freak? It's soooo weird, like running into your old high school girlfriend 20 years later. Still, Macaulay helped me and I'll always love him. It's such a shame that they have to grow up and get icky hairs.

However, I do NOT thank the devilish, unscrupulous media vultures. They're falsely reporting that I may lose my home at Neverland Ranch, or my Beatles song catalog, because of my huge legal costs. Don't believe the lies! I wish to state for the record that I am NOT a spendaholic and I have NO financial problems. However, I am currently accepting highly exclusive appearance fees for ethnic street fairs, Amway seminars, or dunking booths.

Sadly, I am leaving my Neverland Ranch forever. Never again will I use my home to fill a child with wonder (or anything else). In fact, I'm leaving the United States for the Persian Gulf. It's an inspiring, restful paradise, with weak extradition laws. Does anybody know how to say "let's play naked Quidditch" in Farsi?

In closing, let me just say that this trial has been the hardest thing I've ever had to endure, other than trying to write a hit song after 1995. But, to paraphrase the late, great trial attorney Johnnie Cochran, "If the sequined glove doesn't fit, you must acquit." Ee-hee-hee!

Michael

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BRAJELINA THE LAME OF LOVE

Like a cockroach that you step on over and over that will not die, so it is with the Brad Pitt/Jennifer Aniston/Angelina Jolie love triangle. Supermarket tabloids, TV entertainment shows and gossip websites fulfilled their brain-dead audience's insatiable desire for the juicy details...the sordid confessions...the smoldering fury! (Even when they had to make it up.) So much money has been made by the parasitic media feeding off these three people's private lives, we figure it won't be long before the ever-greedy comic book business jumps on the bottom-feeder bandwagon.

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BRAD, THAT
WASN'T
WHAT I MEANT
WHEN I SAID
"DUMP HER!"

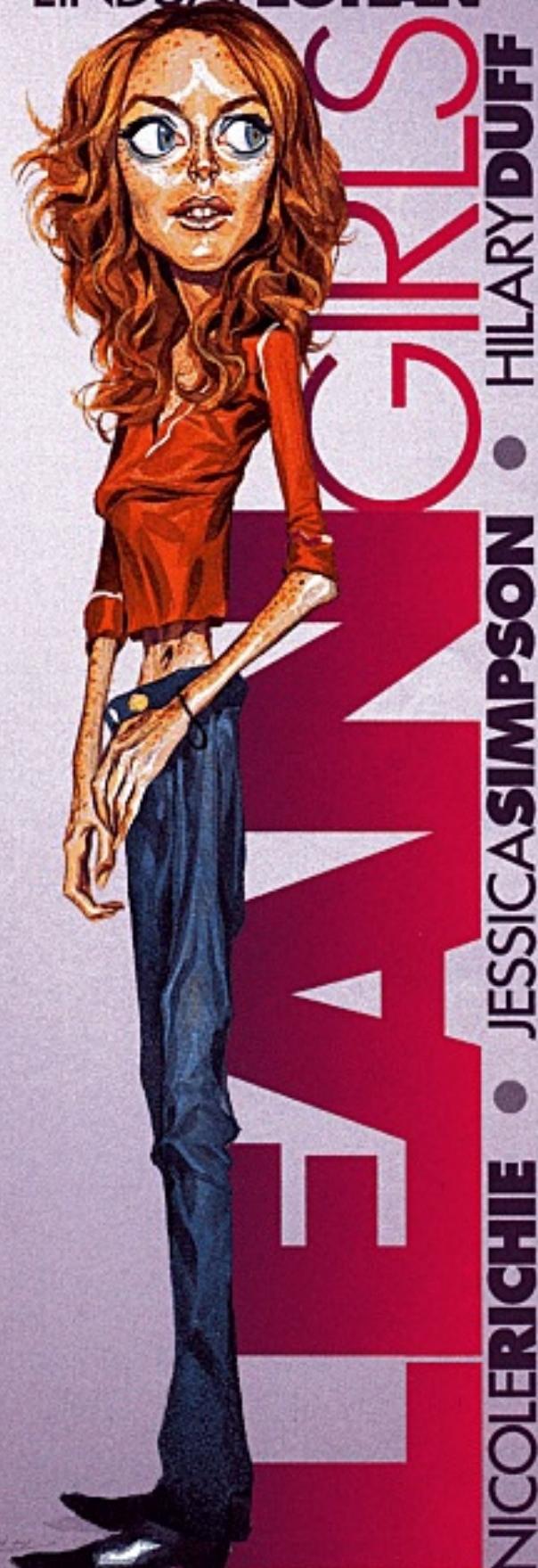


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TEEN QUEENS' EXTREME WEIGHT LOSS INTO THIN ERR

Unhappy with their images as robust, beautiful and healthy young women, Lindsay Lohan, Jessica Simpson, Hilary Duff and Nicole Richie decided it was time for an extreme makeover and quickly transformed themselves into sickly, walking skeletons. They probably think they look drop dead gorgeous, but to us they look more like they're just about to drop dead.

LINDSAY LOHAN



HILARY DUFF

JESSICA SIMPSON

NICOLE RICHIE

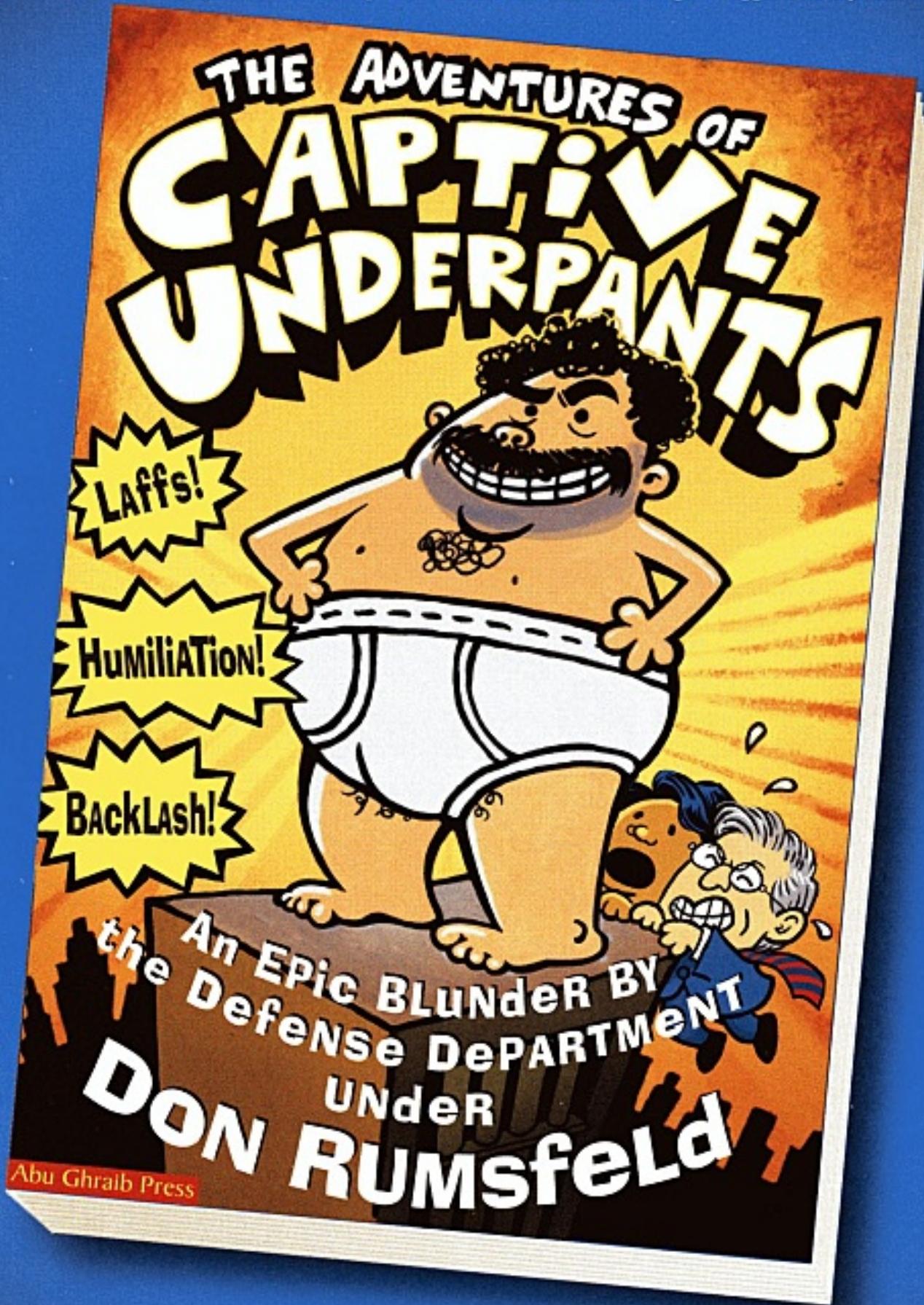


**SEE THEM
NOW
BEFORE
THEY'RE
GONE**

SADDAM PHOTOGRAPHED IN JAIL

THE NEWS IN BRIEFS

We're continually being told that for America to be successful in Iraq we have to win the "hearts and minds" of the Arab people. Our first efforts got off to a somewhat shaky start. There was that whole Abu Ghraib naked prisoners on dog leashes thing, followed by the accidentally dropping and flushing the Koran down the toilet several times thing. This year we hit the trifecta when humiliating photos of the incarcerated Saddam Hussein, wearing nothing but tightie whities, were leaked to a British tabloid. The Pentagon, of course, promised to get to the bottom of their latest "crack" in security. Meanwhile, their public relations suffered another wedgie — bigger than any child could relate to.



HOMO-NEUROTIC RIGHT-WING GROUP OUTS SPONGEBOB

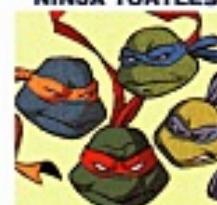
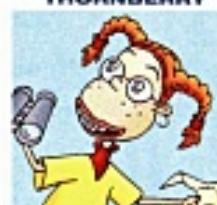
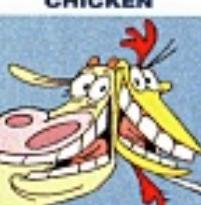
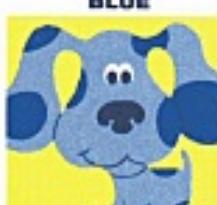
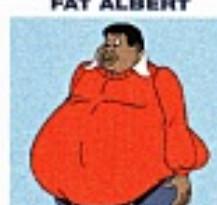
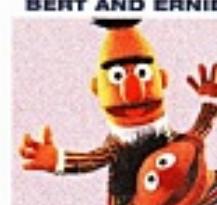
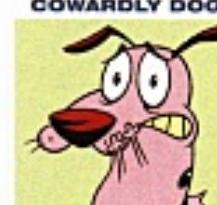
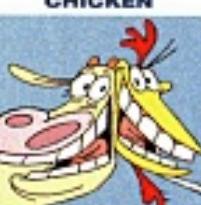
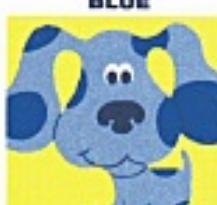
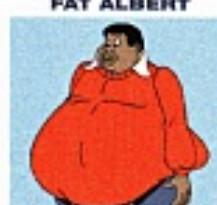
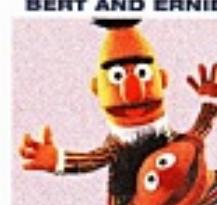
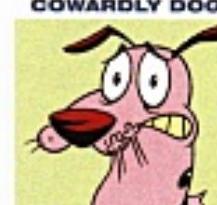
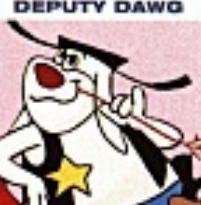
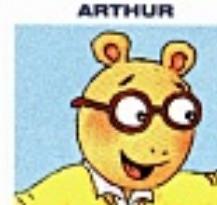
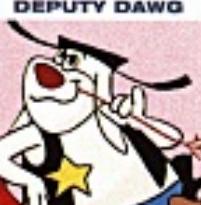
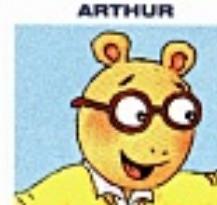
Early this year, Focus On The Family founder Dr. James Dobson claimed there was a "sinister agenda" behind a children's video because it featured "pro-homosexual" cartoon characters, such as SpongeBob SquarePants, singing the 1979 Sister Sledge hit "We Are Family." We can't help thinking that Dr. J has actually lost his focus on the family — isn't it much more sinister that the video is trying to revive disco music? In any event, now that Dobson has SpongeBob under his belt (figuratively speaking, of course), we can't help but think the Doctor's zeal for finding "depravity" will cause him to turn his radical right fringe group's attention to other animated characters as well.

WARNING!

PARENTS, DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO BE HARMED AND CORRUPTED BY

**THE SINISTER HIDDEN AGENDAS
OF TODAY'S CARTOON CHARACTERS**

PREPARED BY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, DR. JAMES DOBSON, FOUNDER

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GAY LIFESTYLE 	STEROID ABUSE 	BULIMIA 	SATAN WORSHIP 	NECROPHILIA 	UNPROTECTED SEX 
TOMMY PICKLES 	JIMMY NEUTRON 	POWERPUFF GIRLS 	ELIZA THORNBERRY 	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES 	BABAR 
COMMUNISM 	TEEN SUICIDE 	HEROIN SMUGGLING 	FLAG BURNING 	AUTO-EROTIC ASPHYXIATION 	WHITE SUPREMACY 
COW AND CHICKEN 	BLUE 	FAT ALBERT 	BERT AND ERNIE 	COURAGE THE COWARDLY DOG 	BILLY AND MANDY 
IDENTITY THEFT 	GANG VIOLENCE 	BISEXUAL EXPERIMENTATION 	SELLING ILLEGAL ARMS TO NORTH KOREA 	PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS 	RACIAL PROFILING 
DEPUTY DAWG 	GEORGE JETSON 	FAIRLY COOPARENTS 	CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG 	ARTHUR 	MAGILLA GORILLA 
UNION BUSTING 	PUBLIC URINATION 	DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS 	SCIENTOLOGY RECRUITMENT 	BLACK MARKET TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN ORGANS 	NOT WASHING HANDS AFTER DEFECATING 

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PAULA ABDUL JUDGE JUICY

We always knew that Paula Abdul was super-nice to *American Idol* contestants, but she apparently took it to the extreme with Season 2 contestant (and all-around loser) Corey Clark. Corey claimed that the once-sexy Abdul had an affair with him while he was on the show — and also that she secretly coached him, chose his songs, designed his new look and even paid for his wardrobe, hairstyling and cell phone. The former Laker babe was cleared of any wrong-doing by FOX. (Note: Given that FOX's new fall line-up included *The War At Home*, *Head Cases* and *So You Think You Can Dance*, they're clearly experts when it comes to wrong-doing!) Well, one thing's for sure: we'll never be able to look at Ruben Studdard again without wondering if maybe, just maybe...

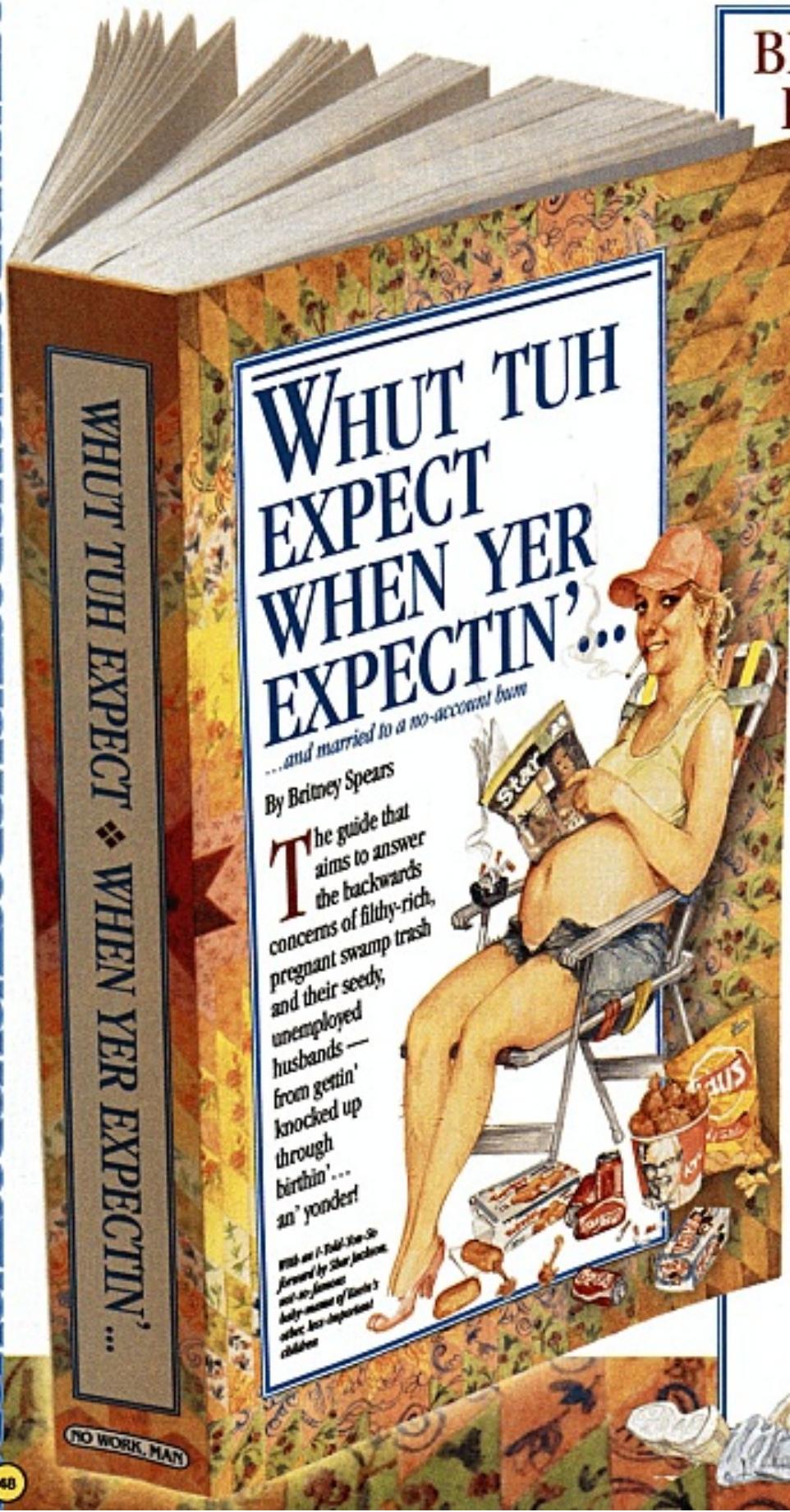


**BACK
FOR A NEW SEASON
WITH MORE EAGER
CONTESTANTS
THAN EVER BEFORE!**



KEVIN FEDERLINE FROM BEER TO PATERNITY

It was April 12th when People Magazine's editors and all its readers spontaneously wet themselves as Britney Spears announced that she and second husband, former dancer/current bum Kevin Federline were — Oh! My! God! — expecting. While makin' babies was sure to be a new experience for Spears, it was old hat for Federline, who had already fathered two kids — not even waiting around for the second one to be born before hooking up with Spears. A healthy baby boy was born on September 14 — and while Britney had cause to worry over Kevin's lack of employment, drinking, partying, gambling and forays to strip clubs, she might take comfort in the knowledge that all those lap dances he's been enjoying (and she's been paying for) are good practice for when he bounces little Sean Preston Spears Federline on his knee.



BRITNEY'S FAVORITE PREGNANCY BOOK

on account of she wrote it!

"Man, did I dodge a bullet or what?!"

—JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE, NOT MARRIED, NO KIDS, HAPPILY BOINKING CAMERON DIAZ THESE DAYS

"Hello...is Kevin there, please?"

—DAKOTA, EXOTIC DANCER

"This is the most comprehensive, indispensable, best-written book of its kind. ...Now that I've held up my end of the bargain, could you autograph it for me so I can put it on eBay?"

—JASON ALEXANDER, FORMER MR. BRITNEY SPEARS FOR-A-DAY, NOT THE GUY FROM SEINFELD

"After reading this book, I can state unequivocally that the situations faced by the needy children I adopted are nothing compared to what this kid's going to face!"

—ANGELINA JOLIE, ACTOR, CHILD COLLECTOR

Half-Assed Answers to Hundreds of Questions:

What is the best time and place to conceive — backstage, before going on at the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards, leaning up against a large statue of SpongeBob, or on the floor of the handicapped stall in the men's room at an MTV Movie Awards after-party? PAGE 26

Do men have baby showers, too? At a place called Camelot's? Seriously? Because I just got my Visa bill... PAGE 115

Is he really providing for me by saving up his Marlboro Bucks to buy a stroller if I'm the one paying for the cigarettes? PAGE 176

Why does my ultra-sound video have the UPN logo in the corner? PAGE 213

At what age can my baby start to chew gum? PAGE 348



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WHAT CONTROVERSIAL
RELATIONSHIPS ARE
MANY TEACHERS
NOW HAVING TO DENY?



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THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
MAN AND
MONKEY

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MANY TEACHERS
NOW HAVING TO DENY?

HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION **MAD 20 FOLD-IN**

In the heat of the moment, some teachers share more with their students than many would like them to. Protesting parents and other shocked parties think it's inappropriate and should be made illegal everywhere. To find out what relationship more and more teachers are being attacked over, fold page in as shown.



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THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING • DILIGENT
DETERRENCE OF TEACHER/STUDENT DATING • ASSIGN
VISITOR GUIDES • INSPECTION OF CLASSROOMS
EVERY WEEK • TESTING METHODS REQUIRE RESOLUTION



THE SCHOOL CONTROVERSY TODAY INVOLVES THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND OTHERS. THEY ALL
MANAGE TO CREATE LOTS OF FIGHTING. THEY DEMAND
MONSTROUS RULES THAT ARE OFTEN WAY OFF KEY

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WHAT SCREWS UP MUST COME DOWN

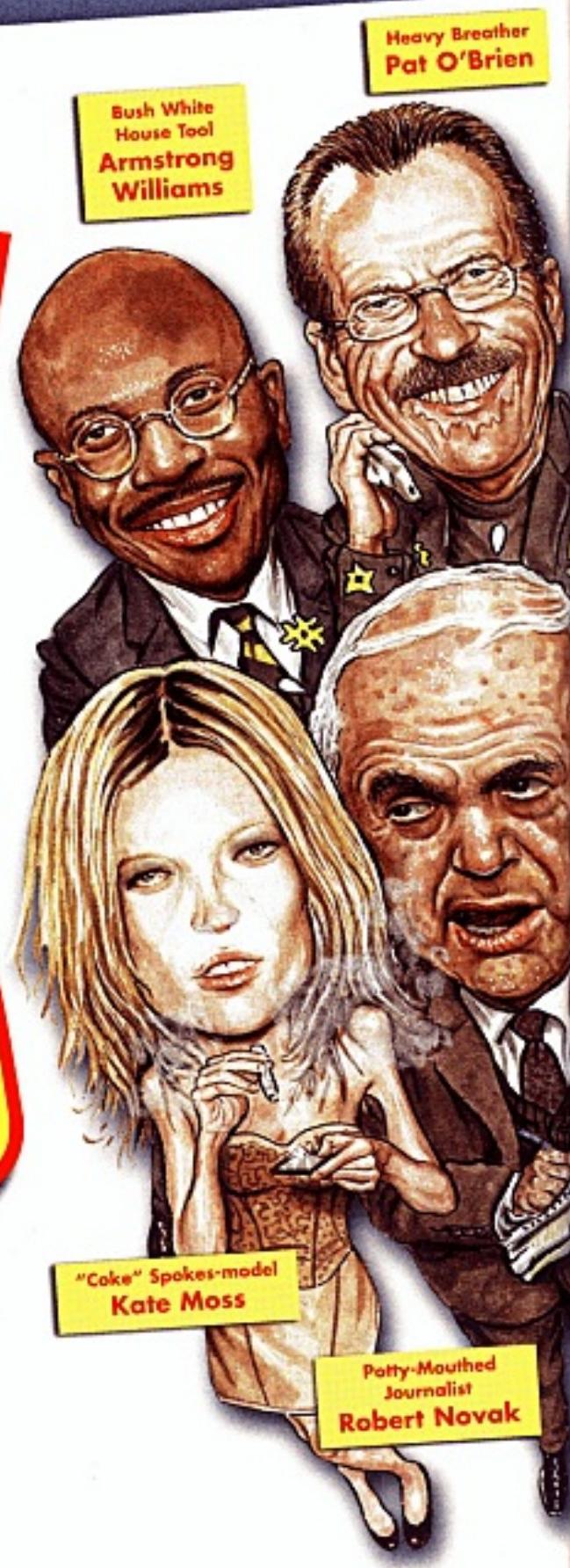
THE A-LIST OF A-HOLES

Lately, when someone does something really stupid, illegal or immoral, they're "punished" with a fat book contract or their own reality TV show. But that's not always the case. Occasionally there is a God. Someone does something wrong and there are repercussions. And so it was with a bunch of notorious lowlifes this year. In one way or another, from fraud to professional ethics gaffes to racist remarks, each of these once-esteemed people screwed up and lost. Some lost their freedom. Some lost their job. Some lost whatever credibility and respect they had. But they all found at least one thing: a place among this group of unquestionable morons.

THE BIGGEST LOSERS

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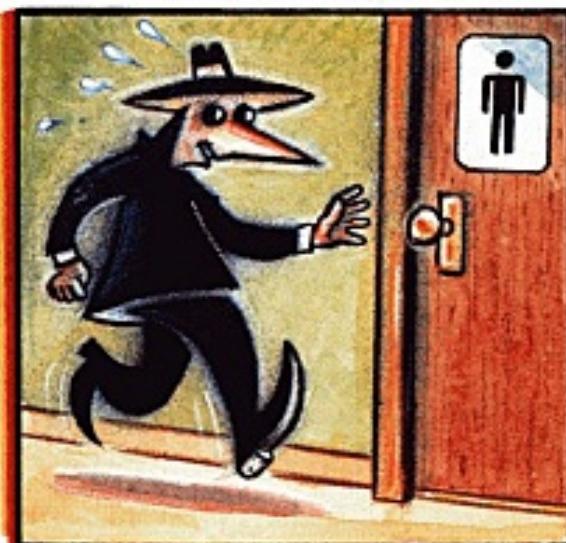
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